

Luke 12:35-48 **Vigilant Watching – Doing Your Assigned Task**

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ The command focuses on the wedding from which the Master is returning.

✧ The timing is just before the rewards are given, both good and bad.

- ✧ This speaks of the marriage of the Lamb. [\[Revelation 19:7-9\]](#)
- ✧ The rewards are given after the marriage and after the Master returns and at the start of the thousand year Kingdom Reign of Christ. [\[Revelation 20:4-6\]](#)

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- ✧ When Jesus comes to set up His Kingdom, He will reward the Saints. [\[Revelation 11:16-18, Matthew 16:27, Revelation 22:12, Mark 8:38, Luke 9:26\]](#)
- ✧ The Rewards will be marvelous. [\[Job 19:25-27, Micah 7:18-19, Isaiah 55:6-13, 56:1-8, 57:13b-19, 59:20-21, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 73:24, Matthew 25:29, 34, John 5:25-29, 1 Corinthians 6:1-3, 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20, 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 2:13-14, 2 Timothy 4:8, Hebrews 8:7-12, 10:14-17, 12:28-29, James 1:12, 1 Peter 5:4, 1 John 2:28, 3:2, Revelation 1:4-6, 2:10, 2:7b, 2:11b, 2:17b, 2:26-28, 3:4-5, 3:9, 3:10, 3:11, 3:12,, 5:8-10\]](#)

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- ✧ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. [\[Luke 12:43-44, Matthew 24:46-47\]](#)
- ✧ Jesus has just spoken of the catching away of the Saints and the urgency to watch and be ready because the day and hour is unknown to man, angels, or Jesus, and only the Father knows the time appointed for that event. [\[Matthew 24:36-44, Mark 13:32-37, Luke 17:34-36, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17\]](#)
- ✧ Now Jesus gives an illustration of His meaning in the teaching and command to watch.
 - ✧ The Master has left His servants with the responsible of caring for his Household while He is gone to a far country. [\[Matthew 24:45-51, Mark 13:34-37, Luke 12:35-38, 42-46\]](#)
 - ✧ The servants represent believers in the Church.
 - ✧ The Master represents Jesus.
 - ✧ The Master will certainly come at the appointed time.
 - ✧ When He arrives, it will be time for accounting.
 - ✧ The servant found faithfully fulfilling his appointed task, will be rewarded abundantly. [\[Matthew 24:46-47, Luke 12:43-44\]](#)

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- ✧ The servant who, because of the time delay, scoffs at the probability of the Master's coming, and who begins to live like the worldly people around him; [\[Matthew 24:48-51, Luke 12:45-46, 2 Peter 3:3-4, Jude 1:17-18\]](#)

- ✧ will suddenly find himself facing the wrath of the Master, as he receives the punishment met out for the hypocrites and unbelievers. [Matthew 24:50-51, Luke 12:45-46]
- ✧ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [Matthew 24:51, 8:12, 13:42, 50, 22:13, 25:30, Mark 9:18, Luke 13:28]
- ✧ The command is to **Watch and be ready.** [Matthew 24:42, 44, 25:13, Mark 13:33, 34, 35, 37, Luke 12:37, 21:36, Acts 20:31, 1 Corinthians 16:13, Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:6, 2 Timothy 4:5, 1 Peter 4:7, Revelation 3:2-3, 16:15]
- ✧ We are expected to remain faithful until He arrives.

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