

Matthew 24:45-51 **Importance of Watching illustrated by the story of Two Servants**

45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' 49 "and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ 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]
 - ✧ 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.