Who Is A Faithful And Wise Servant?

Matthew 24:42-51

Intro:

A. Jesus will come back to this earth.
   1. v.30
   2. v.37

B. What we do know.
   1. We know the signs. V.29
   2. We know the season. V.32-33

C. What we don’t know.
   1. We do not know the day.
   2. We do not know the hour. V.36

D. He will come unexpectedly.
   1. To the world. V.37-39
   2. To the evil servant. V.48
   3. He does not mention rewards here.

I. Watchful Servants Will Not Be Surprised At His Coming.

A. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
   1. The Lord comes as a thief in the night. V.2
   2. The last sign. V.3
   3. We are not in darkness. v.5
   4. We must not be inattentive. Vs.6-11

B. The parable of the 10 virgins.
   1. 5 were wise.
   2. 5 were foolish. 25:1-13
   3. The five wise ones were expecting the bridegroom.

II. We Are To Be Ready.

A. We are commanded
   1. v.42
   2. An illustration. V.43
   3. v.44

B. To be ready is to be faithful.
   1. Jesus asks a question. V.45
   2. He is to be doing. V.46
C. To be ready is to be rewarded.
   1. v.47
   2. This is consistent with other scriptures.

D. Those who are not ready.
   1. They depend upon delay. V.48
   2. They will become abusive. V.49

E. The Lord will come to judge.
   1. v.50
   2. He will be punished. V.51
   3. This is not hell. It is not some Baptist purgatory. It is "suffering loss" as Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 3:9-15.
   4. This applies to all. 2 Corinthians 5:9-10