

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