

**Reflection Questions:** Am I alert, ready, and faithful as I eagerly await Christ coming for His church? What proof is in my life that I am? How have I been faithful to the Lord? What have I done to show Him my faithfulness? Am I obedient to His commands? All of them? What has God given me stewardship over? Specifically, what does He want me to do with it?

How can we pray for one another this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*Whatever world events arise, Jesus' disciples must constantly be about their Master's business, vigilantly awaiting His coming.*

David Turner

*Many people, including Christians, postpone coming to grips with God's call on their lives, assuming there's always a little more time. But we never really know that.*

Craig Blomberg

*Those of us who know the Savior love His appearing, but unbelievers fear His appearing.*

John MacArthur

*To be ready is to be faithful. To be faithful is to be ready.*

Ligon Duncan

*True Christians ought to live like good servants whose Master is not at home. They should strive to be always ready for their Master's return....*

*They should seek to keep their hearts in such a frame, that whenever Christ appears, they may at once give Him a warm and loving reception.*

J.C. Ryle

*It is very important what one thinks about the future since it impacts present behavior.*

Thomas Ice

*To be ready when Jesus returns means salvation; not to be ready is to perish.*

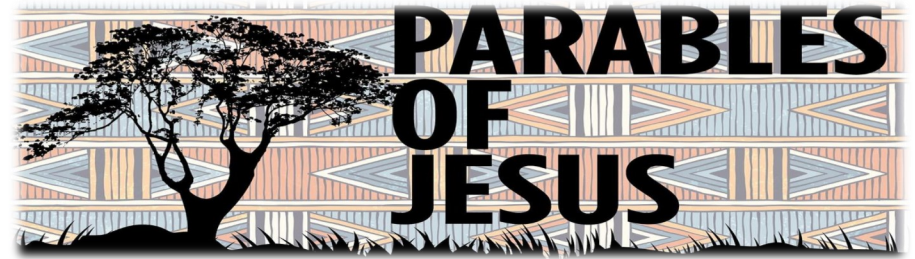
William Hendriksen

*The certainty of the next world and the uncertainty of this life are two of the fundamental facts on which we should base our lives.*

Bob Deffinbaugh

*We are to be about the business of the kingdom, putting to use the resources God has given us.*

Michelle Lee-Barnewall



Parables of the Head of House & the Two Slaves  
Matthew 24:36-51

August 2, 2020

*Sermon*  
Notes

1. Be Alert (36-42)

2. Be Ready (43-44)

3. Be Faithful (45-51)

A. Sensible Servant

B. Evil Servant

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Why do you think people are so eager to know when Jesus will return?

Why does God not want us to know when He is coming back?

3. What does an alert, ready, and faithful servant of Christ look like? What will they be doing?

4. How does Paul tell us we are to prepare for the possibility that Jesus may come at any time?

*Ephesians 5:15-20* —

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-10* —

5. What were *the days of Noah* like (*Genesis 6:5, 11-12; Matthew 24:37-39*)?

6. Why is Jesus' return likened to the coming of a thief (*Matthew 24:42-44; Luke 12:35-40; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 3:3; 16:15*)?

7. Read *Matthew 24:45-51*. Who does the servant represent in this parable?

What job does the master give the sensible servant?

What will the faithful servant be doing when the master comes home?

How will he be rewarded?

What are the characteristics of the evil servant?

What is the evil servant's error? How does it affect his actions?

What are the results of his actions?

8. Read *Colossians 3:12-17*. Why is it important that these instructions are for *those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved*?

Why is bearing with one another so crucial?

What does it mean to *let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts*?

What does it mean to *let the word of Christ rule in your hearts*?