

Let Us Be Faithful Servants
(Matthew 24:44-51)

Introduction:

1. When Jesus began talking about His return in vs.36, He indicated that no one knows when He will come back.
2. He continued by telling His followers:
 - a. to "watch" (vs.42)
 - b. to be "ready" (vs.44).
3. To illustrate what is involved in watching and being ready, Jesus contrasted 2 servants in vs.45-51.
 - a. The first servant is described as "faithful and wise" (vs.45-47).
 - 1) He fulfilled his responsibilities while his master was away.
 - 2) He would receive a great reward when his master returned.
 - b. The second servant is described as "evil" (vs.48-51).
 - 1) He was not faithful, and he was not wise.
 - 2) He did not fulfill his responsibilities while his master was away.
 - 3) He would be punished when his master returned.
4. As we watch for the Lord's return, and as we strive to be ready, "let us be faithful servants."

Discussion:

- I. THE BIBLE REPEATEDLY TEACHES THE LORD'S FOLLOWERS TO BE FAITHFUL SERVANTS
 - A. Matthew 10:22b
 - B. Acts 11:22-23
 - C. Acts 14:21-22
 - D. 1 Corinthians 4:2
 - E. Hebrews 10:23
 - F. Revelation 2:10b
- II. IN THE BOOK OF ACTS WE READ ABOUT MANY OF THE LORD'S FOLLOWERS WHO WERE FAITHFUL SERVANTS
 - A. The Christians in Jerusalem were faithful (Acts 2:42, 46).
 - B. Peter and John were faithful (Acts 4:15-20).
 - C. The apostles were faithful (Acts 5:40-42).
 - D. Stephen was faithful (Acts 7:54-60).
 - E. Paul and Silas were faithful (Acts 16:22-25).
- III. SPECIAL BLESSINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE LORD'S FAITHFUL SERVANTS
 - A. Psalm 31:23
 - B. Matthew 25:21, 23
 - C. Revelation 2:10b
 - D. Revelation 14:13

Conclusion:

1. In our lesson we have examined:
 - a. passages that teach the Lord's followers to be faithful servants
 - b. several of the Lord's followers in Acts who were faithful servants
 - c. blessings available to the Lord's faithful servants.
2. On the basis of the information we have covered, "let us be faithful servants."