

August 18 - Luke 12:35-48
Watchful Servants

42 καὶ εἶπεν ὁ κύριος Τίς ἄρα ἐστὶν ὁ πιστὸς οἰκονόμος, ὃν καταστήσει ὁ κύριος ἐπὶ τῆς θεραπείας αὐτοῦ τοῦ διδόναι ἐν καιρῷ [τὸ] σιτομέτριον; 43 μακάριος ὁ δοῦλος ἐκεῖνος, ὃν ἐλθὼν ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ εὐρήσει ποιοῦντα οὕτως· 44 ἀληθῶς λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ἐπὶ πᾶσιν τοῖς ὑπάρχουσιν αὐτοῦ καταστήσει αὐτόν.

42 The Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the right times? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his lord will find doing so when he comes. 44 Truly I tell you, that he will set him over all that he has.

41 Peter said to him, "Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everybody?"

41 Εἶπεν δὲ ὁ Πέτρος Κύριε, πρὸς ἡμᾶς τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην λέγεις ἢ καὶ πρὸς πάντας;

35 "Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning. 36 Be like men watching for their lord, when he returns from the marriage feast; that, when he comes and knocks, they may immediately open to him.

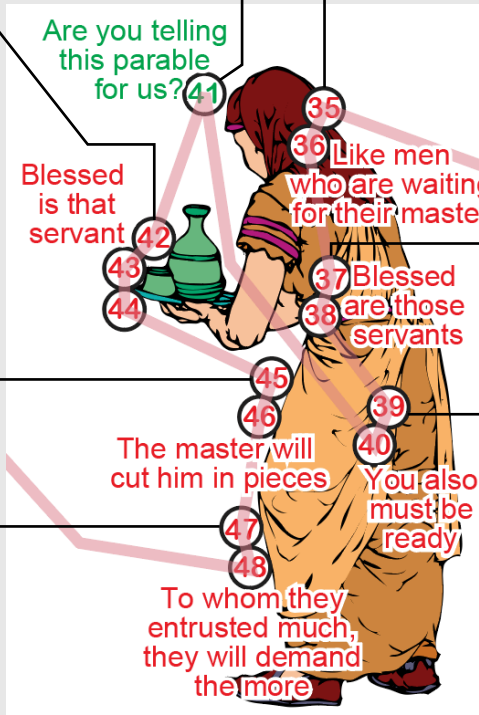
35 Ἔστωσαν ὑμῶν αἱ ὀσφύες περιεζωσμένα καὶ οἱ λύχνοι καιόμενοι, 36 καὶ ὑμεῖς ὅμοιοι ἀνθρώποις προσδεχομένοις τὸν κύριον ἑαυτῶν πότε ἀναλύσει ἐκ τῶν γάμων, ἵνα ἐλθόντος καὶ κρούσαντος εὐθέως ἀνοίξωσιν αὐτῷ.

45 ἐὰν δὲ εἴπῃ ὁ δοῦλος ἐκεῖνος ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτοῦ Χρονίζει ὁ κύριός μου ἔρχεσθαι, καὶ ἄρξηται τύπτειν τοὺς παῖδας καὶ τὰς παιδίσκας, ἐσθίειν τε καὶ πίνειν καὶ μεθύσκεσθαι, 46 ἥξει ὁ κύριος τοῦ δούλου ἐκείνου ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ἣ οὐ προσδοκᾷ καὶ ἐν ὥρᾳ ἣ οὐ γινώσκει, καὶ διχοτομήσει αὐτόν καὶ τὸ μέρος αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀπίστων θήσει.

45 But if that servant says in his heart, 'My lord delays his coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken, 46 then the lord of that servant will come in a day when he isn't expecting him, and in an hour that he doesn't know, and will cut him in two, and place his portion with the unfaithful.

47 ἐκεῖνος δὲ ὁ δοῦλος ὁ γνοὺς τὸ θέλημα τοῦ κυρίου αὐτοῦ καὶ μὴ ἐτοιμάσας ἢ ποιήσας πρὸς τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ δαρήσεται πολλὰς· 48 ὁ δὲ μὴ γνοὺς ποιήσας δὲ ἅξια πληγῶν δαρήσεται ὀλίγας. παντὶ δὲ ὧ ἐδόθη πολύ, πολύ ζητηθήσεται παρ' αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὧ παρέθεντο πολύ, περισσότερον αἰτήσουσιν αὐτόν.

47 That servant, who knew his lord's will, and didn't prepare, nor do what he wanted, will be beaten with many stripes, 48 but he who didn't know, and did things worthy of stripes, will be beaten with few stripes. To whoever much is given, of him will much be required; and to whom much was entrusted, of him more will be asked.



37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord will find watching when he comes. Most assuredly I tell you, that he will dress himself, and make them recline, and will come and serve them. 38 They will be blessed if he comes in the second or third watch, and finds them so.

37 μακάριοι οἱ δοῦλοι ἐκεῖνοι, οὓς ἐλθὼν ὁ κύριος εὐρήσει γρηγοροῦντας· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι περιζώσεται καὶ ἀνακλινεῖ αὐτοὺς καὶ παρελθὼν διακονήσει αὐτοῖς. 38 κὰν ἐν τῇ δευτέρᾳ κὰν ἐν τῇ τρίτῃ φυλακῇ ἔλθῃ καὶ εὐρῆ οὕτως, μακάριοί εἰσιν ἐκεῖνοι.

39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not allowed his house to be broken into. 40 Therefore be ready also, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour that you don't expect him."

39 τοῦτο δὲ γινώσκετε ὅτι εἰ ἤδει ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης ποῖα ὥρα ὁ κλέπτης ἔρχεται, ἐγρηγόρησεν ἂν καὶ οὐκ ἀφήκεν διορυχθῆναι τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ. 40 καὶ ὑμεῖς γίνεσθε ἐτοιμοί, ὅτι ἡ ὥρα οὐ δοκεῖτε ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἔρχεται.

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12:49-53 Fire, not Peace
 40 cast fire on the earth
 51 Not Peace but Division
 34 How to interpret this present time
 Judge for yourselves what is right

12:35-48 Watchful Servants
 Are you telling this parable for us? (41)
 Blessed is that servant (42)
 Like men who are waiting for their master (35, 36)
 Blessed are those servants (37, 38)
 The master will cut him in pieces (45, 46)
 You also must be ready (40)
 To whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more (47, 48)

12:22-34 Do not Worry
 Treasures in the heavens (31, 32)
 Consider the ravens (24, 25)
 Seek his kingdom (33)
 Do not be worried (26, 27)
 Consider the lilies (28, 29)
 Do not be anxious about your life (23, 24)
 Build larger barns (12, 13)
 Nowhere to store my crops (14, 15)
 Do not be anxious: the Holy Spirit will teach you (1)

12:13-21 Parable of the Rich Fool
 Fool! (12)
 Be on your guard against all covetousness (13)
 Build larger barns (12, 13)
 Nowhere to store my crops (14, 15)
 Do not be anxious: the Holy Spirit will teach you (1)

12:54-59 Discerning the Time

12:1-12 Whom to Fear
 Do not fear those who kill the body (10)
 Beware of the hypocrisy of the Pharisees (9)
 Everyone who acknowledges me before men (8)
 Everything will be revealed (1)

Fear and Faith