



Dressed & Ready For Service

The Story of the Watchful Servants

Text: **Luke 12:35-40**

Introduction: This parable has some similarities to the one of ten virgins found in **Matthew 25:1-13**. It also has some striking similarities to the parable of the two servants found in **Matthew 24:43-51** but Luke records a more detailed version of that parable in the verses following this parable. Since Jesus has already addressed the positive aspects of discipleship (vs.22-34), now he considers some things from a negative perspective. He begins this parable by urging His disciples to be ready to serve. God has always expected His servants to be ready for service. This parable encourages us to be watchful servants of God. If we are watchful servants we will be rewarded by God. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. The Master

Matthew 14:25

Lamentations 2:19

II. The Servants

Matthew 24:36

Matthew 24:42-44

III. The Cautious Watch

Matthew 24:43

I Thessalonians 5:2-4

II Peter 3:10

Revelation 3:3, 16:15

IV. The Blessing

John 13:4-8

Luke 12:41-48.

Matthew 25:1-13

Matthew 24:43-51

Conclusion: God has called us to serve Him. As God's servants we must be willing to serve Him. God wants us to let their light shine. This takes patience, perseverance, endurance, and dedication. There are many ways to be distracted from our mission. But we need to stay focused! There will be many people unprepared for Jesus' second coming. As faithful servants must always be ready for Christ's return and teach others to get prepared! Will you be ready?