

The Parable of the Faithful and Wicked Servants

Matthew 24: 45-51

Late in the afternoon on Wednesday the thirteenth of Nisan

The one main point of the third parable of the faithful and wicked servants is when the Messiah returns, believers will be found laboring while unbelievers will not.

The coming of the Lord at the rapture will be a test of servants. As the master in Messiah's story entrusted the care of all his possessions to his servant, so ADONAI has entrusted the care of all things in this earth to His servants. The responses of the servants will indicate their individual spiritual conditions.¹³⁴⁵

Christ wants to find His servants, like the first servant, faithfully carrying out His will. Who then is the faithful (saved) and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. Such a servant will be rewarded for his faithful service at the Rapture. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions (Mattityahu 24:45-47).

But the servant who fails to carry out his stewardship will be left behind at the Rapture. Suppose that servant is wicked (lost) and says to himself, "My master is staying away a long time," and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of (Matthew 24:48-50). Like the wicked people of Noah's day, he was unaware of the sudden coming judgment, in this case, of the judgment of the Great Tribulation.

The lost will be cut to pieces and assigned a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth apart from the master (Matthew 24:51). All unbelievers - those who completely reject the Lord and those who think one day they will trust in Him, those who are honest in their unbelief and those who are hypocritical in their faith - will suffer the same destiny if they do not repent of their sins during the Great Tribulation (see my commentary on Isaiah Kq - The Wolf and the Lamb Will Feed Together, and the Lion Will Eat Straw Like the Ox). They will end up separated from the Master, separated from all love, cast into the darkness of eternal pain and punishment called hell, which will eventually be thrown into the lake of fire and tormented forever and ever (Revelation 20:10).