

## Matt. 24:45-51

- I. Challenge to think of ourselves as servants, entrusted and accountable to a master (45)
  - A. Who is the faithful and wise servant? (45a)
  - B. Specifically: the servant entrusted with taking care of fellow servants (45b-c)
    - 1. Whom the master puts in charge over his household [servants] (45b)
    - 2. Purpose: In order to give them food at the proper time (45c)
- II. Servants will get their due reward/punishment when the master returns (46-51)
  - A. A good servant will be blessed when the master returns (46-47)
    - 1. Blessed is the good servant who is doing his duty when the master returns (46)
      - a Blessed is this servant (46a)
      - b Who is doing his duty when the master returns (46b-c)
        - 1) [If] when he comes (46b)
        - 2) His master finds him doing like this [purpose] (46c)
    - 2. He will certainly entrust him with all his property (47)
      - a Truly I am saying to you (47a)
      - b That he will appoint him over all his property (47b)
  - B. An unfaithful servant will be punished when the master returns (48-51)
    - 1. If an evil servant acts badly, thinking the master is not around (48-49)
      - a If the servant thinks the master is not coming back soon (48)
        - 1) But if this evil servant says in his heart (48a)
        - 2) My master is delayed/taking a long time (48b)
      - b And he acts opposite to his masters wishes (49)
        - 1) And he begins to beat his fellow servants (49a)
        - 2) And he parties with the drunkards (49b-c)
          - a) And he eats (49b)
          - b) And he drinks with the drunkards (49c)
    - 2. The master will catch him unexpectedly and punish him severely (50-51)
      - a The master of this servant will come in a day which he does not expect and in an hour which he does not know (50)
      - b And he will punish him extremely severely (51)
        - 1) And he will cut him in two (51a)
        - 2) And he will send his to hell with the hypocrites (51b-c)
          - a) And he will assign his portion with the hypocrites (51b)
          - b) Weeping and gnashing of teeth are there (51c)