

Being on the Alert: a Tutorial

Matthew 24:45-25:30 (Prophecies of Jesus)

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1. Ministers of the Gospel

1) The **Faithful** and **Wise** Servant (45-47)

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B. Given a **task** (give food to household at proper time)

C. Master returns (note the focus on the Master)

1. Finds servant **faithfully performing** assigned duties

2. Blesses servant by setting him **over** all possessions (v. 46)

2) The **wicked servant** (v. 48-51)

A. What about his **credentials**?

1. Wasn't he appointed by the Master?

2. Was he given a task to give food to the household at the proper time?

B. The text **disqualifies** him from being legitimate

1. Calls him a "**Wicked** servant"

2. Shows that servant **rejects** the Master (v. 48)

a. **Beats** fellow servants

b. Runs with **drunkards**.

C. Master returns (note the focus on the Master)

1. Servant does not **expect** the Master's return

2. **Punishes** the servant

a. Cut him in pieces

b. Put him with the **hypocrites**

c. His reward - place of weeping and gnashing of teeth

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