



THE RAPTURE! Being One of the Faithful and the Wise Part 2!

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Matt. 24:45-51 - "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. ⁴⁷ Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. ⁴⁸ But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,'⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹ and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Rapture will be a sudden removal of God's people from the earth. 1 Cor 15: 52

The Rapture can happen at any moment!

The rapture is an 'imminent event' where no one knows when it will occur! It will be a quick takeaway. Matt. 24:36 - "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ...

Once we are Raptured, we stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ. Rom 14:10... For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Every person who ever lived will stand before Christ to be Judged.

Every Christian will be judged on Words and Works.

Words – Matt. 12:35-37 (NLT) - And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. ³⁷ The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you."

Eph. 4:29 (AMP) - Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it.

God's grace and favor follow wholesome, edifying, Godly words.

- 1. Be careful how we talk to God.*
- 2. Be careful how you talk to others.*
- 3. Be careful how you talk to yourself.*

Works – Rom. 2:5-11 - But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

What you do and what you don't do matters.

God wants to reward all his children with the best in this life and more importantly the life to come. ⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good, seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

We serve a God who is willing to forgive and forget.

¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favoritism.

The motivation for your works must be more than just rewards. They must come from a heart that wants to show love towards God and others.

How to get and stay ready.

1. Be excited - 2 Tim. 4:8

2. Be Eagerly Waiting For Him - Hebrews 9:28

3. Watch and Pray - Luke 21:36

4. Walk in the light and not in darkness – 1 Thess. 5:2-11

5. Fight the good fight of faith - 1 Tim. 6:12 - Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called ...

This is what Paul told Timothy he was called to do until Jesus Christ appears. Fight the Good Fight of Faith, Lay hold to the abundant eternal life God has for him.

Fight the good fight of faith keeps believing God for the Best,

Remembering all His Promises are Yes waiting on our amen!

6. Be about the Lord's business – Matt. 24:45-51 - "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?"

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(Being productive for the kingdom by serving God and others).

The Faithful and Wise will do these things:

- 1. Praising the Lord: Psalm 150:6***
- 2. Let your light shine. Matt. 5:13-16; Everywhere we go our lights should be shining.***
- 3. Work as unto the Lord. Col. 3:17***
- 4. We must be faithful to all the work. Matt. 25:21-* Faithfulness is the qualifier for the great things God has for us.**
- 5. Be wise in doing the work. James 3:13-14 -* Ask God and consult the Holy Spirit and wisdom will come.**
- 6. Treat others right. Matt. 24:48 - But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,'* (Notice this is a servant of Jesus Christ that calls Him master.)**

...evil servant says in his heart... He didn't keep his heart from the hardness of doubt that comes from the world and the flesh.

49 and begins to beat his fellow servants... *This servant is treating other Christian badly, not necessarily physically, but it could be verbally or wicked intentions for them.*

Some people have good actions but bad intentions. The good that they do is all for themselves.

Gal. 6:9-10 - And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

... and to eat and drink with drunkards *This servant is living his life like the world. fulfilling the pleasures of his flesh.*

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He allows them to rule over more of what is His.

In this parable, the ones who do the work get the rewards.

The faithful and wise servants are the ones that God gives the right to oversee what He has, in this age and the age to come.

Believers who are faithful and wise qualify for positions of prominence, power. and prosperity now and in the age to come.

He will put them in a place of authority over others.

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