

**(Matt. 24:46)** – *“BLESSED IS THAT SERVANT, WHOM HIS LORD WHEN HE COMETH SHALL FIND SO DOING”* – This is one of the many beatitudes of the Bible describing the state into which all true children of God have been brought by God the Father choosing, justifying, redeeming, regenerating, and converting them by His grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. They are true willing and loving bondservants of Christ, and they serve Him, not for fear of punishment or promise of reward earned by their service, but out of grace, love, and gratitude for all spiritual blessings in Christ for salvation (Rom. 8:31-32; Eph. 1:3). When the Lord returns to gather His church unto Himself, He will find them doing what He described before – watching for His return and preparing for the end of the world by looking to and resting in Him for all grace here and all glory hereafter.

So, *“BLESSED”* is the state of a sinner saved by God’s grace in Christ and upon whom the curse of the law cannot be found. He is one to whom God will not impute sin but to whom God imputes the righteousness of Christ. He is one who has been born again by the Spirit of God and is blessed with faith in Christ and repentance of dead works and idolatry. He is one who is motivated in obedience by grace, love, and gratitude, and one who is inspired and guided by the Spirit and the Word of God. So, *“DOING”* in no sense describes one who is working for his/her salvation. It refers to being watchful and faithful and wise servants of the Lord and gives evidence of those who are blessed.

**(Matt. 24:47)** – *“VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT HE SHALL MAKE HIM RULER OVER ALL HIS GOODS”* – This verse does not teach earned rewards or positions in glory earned by or based upon our obedience or works. That would be contrary to the Gospel of God’s grace in Christ which teaches that none of us as sinners can earn or deserve God’s blessings (Rom. 4:1-5; Eph. 2:8-10). This is a statement of the abundance of all blessings of salvation and glory that those who are blessed of God possess by virtue of their union with Christ and based on His righteousness imputed alone. The Lord will make all His people rulers in the sense of being in charge of all that He freely gives us in Christ in the sense of making us good stewards of His grace and gifts. We who are saved by His grace are ambassadors of Christ (2 Cor. 5:20), and our authority is only as we are His subjects and servants who speak according to His Word.

**(Matt. 24:48)** – *“BUT AND IF THAT EVIL SERVANT SHALL SAY IN HIS HEART, MY LORD DELAYETH HIS COMING”* – The Lord describes here all who are found in unbelief at His second coming but especially those who profess to be His servants but who live without being watchful and expecting His return at any time. They are *“EVIL”* servants as evidenced by their lack of faith in refusing to live according to His Word.

Although they claim to be servants of Christ, they actually live in unbelief which is the greatest of all sins because it strikes against the very heart of God's glory in Christ. It sums up the whole lives of all who are without Christ, from the most immoral and irreligious people to the most sincere and dedicated religionists who are seeking to establish their own righteousness before God even though they may claim to be servants of Christ. They are false professors.

**(Matt. 24:49)** – They “*BEGIN TO SMITE HIS FELLOWSERVANTS, AND TO EAT AND DRINK WITH THE DRUNKEN.*” This describes the hatred and ill treatment that the evil servants have and use against the true children of God (John 3:19-20; 15:18—16:4). Their drunkenness could describe the ill effects of over-indulgence in alcohol, but it mainly refers to the spiritual drunkenness of false doctrine which stirs them up in their hatred of the truth that exposes them to be unbelievers (Isa. 28:7-13).

**(Matt. 24:50-51)** – Here we see that Christ is “*LORD*” over all, even those evil servants who persecute and kill the true children of God. He is the sovereign Lord Who works all things after the counsel of His own will (Eph. 1:11). Christ will “*COME IN A DAY WHEN HE [the evil servant] LOOKETH NOT FOR HIM, AND IN AN HOUR THAT HE IS NOT AWARE OF.*” The reason the evil servant does not look for Christ to come and is not aware of it is because of unbelief of the Word of the Lord. For this reason, Christ “*SHALL CUT HIM ASUNDER, AND APPOINT HIM HIS PORTION WITH THE HYPOCRITES: THERE SHALL BE WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH.*” Their tears and the grinding of their teeth express their hatred for Christ, His people, and His Word of truth. The unbelief of the evil servant gives evidence that he has no righteousness before God and is deserving of eternal damnation. When Christ comes to judge the world in righteousness, these who have no righteousness will perish in their sins. This is why we are assured that unless by the grace of God we are found IN CHRIST, washed clean from all our sins by His blood, and having His righteousness imputed to us, there is no hope for any of us. As Paul preached in Athens on Mars Hill, God commands “*all men every where to repent: Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead*” (Acts 17:30-31). As Paul wrote to the Philippian church, the only hope for sinners to “*be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith*” (Php. 3:9).