

**STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

**Text: Matthew 24**

*45 "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.*

*Matthew 24:45-51*

**THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SERVANTS**

1. The faithful and wise servant Matthew 24:45-47

- a) He was made a ruler of his master's house
- b) He was tasked to look after the household
- c) He proved himself faithful and wise
- d) Upon the master's return Matthew 24:46-47
  - i) He is "blessed"
  - ii) He is made ruler of all his goods
  - iii) He is duly promoted

2. The evil servant Matthew 24:48-51

a) His thoughts

"My master is delaying his coming"      Matthew 24:48

b) His deeds

i) He beats his fellow servants

ii) He eats and drinks with the drunkards

c) The return of the master

i) On a day when he is not looking for *him*

ii) And at an hour that he is not aware of

c) The judgment of the evil servant

i) He will be "cut in two"

ii) He will be placed among the hypocrites

d) The regret of the evil servant

i) Weeping

ii) Gnashing of teeth

iii) These would be in vain

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. Being servants of God

a) Wise and faithful

b) Evil

c) We must choose wisely

2. The Reward

a) Blessing

b) Punishment

### 3. The Doctrine of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of the Lord Jesus

- a) Is it real to us?
- b) How does this doctrine affect us?
- c) How are we living out our faith?