

20 February 2011 - Preached by Elder John Leong
Message Topic: **The Wise and Wicked Servants**
Scripture Text: Matthew 24: 40-51

1. In Matt 24 & 25, we read of the Lord Jesus Christ telling us the signs of His 2nd coming and also sharing various parables to teach us to be ready and prepared for His coming.
2. In v.40-41, it is the description of the Rapture in which believers are taken up into Heaven and non-believers will remain behind. The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is very **sudden**. There is no time to react as it happens in a twinkling of an eye. It is too late to repent when Jesus comes. The Lord Jesus will know who belongs to Him and only His children will be taken up to Heaven with Him.
3. The Bible tells how to be ready when Jesus comes. First, we must make sure we are saved in Jesus. Secondly, we must be diligent in our daily life and calling just like the person working in the field and the woman grinding the mill.
4. In v.42-44, the coming of Jesus is described as a thief in the night. It is **unexpected**. To be ready, we must be watchful. Our soul ought to be awakened and desire for Jesus to return. To watch is also to be aware of the signs of Jesus' coming.
5. In v.45-51, the coming of Jesus is described as the master of the household who returns for his servant to give an account of their work. Jesus' return is **powerful**. The wicked servant who is professing Christian with no genuine faith will be punished. The Bible called them hypocrites. To be ready for Jesus' coming, we must be like the wise servant who is faithful, caring and persevering.