

31 December 2018: Preached by Rev Clement Chew

Topic: Are You Watching?

Scripture text: Matthew 24:42-51

1. The Lord Jesus Christ tells us in the Bible that He will return to earth very soon. In response, we must be watchful by being alert and ready for His return. Jesus Christ is not only our Saviour, He is also our Lord, and we are His servants (verse 42). If we know that a thief is coming, we would be on guard against him (verse 43). The Lord will return suddenly, like the coming of a thief in the night. As believers, we are children of light and the second coming of Christ should not take us by surprise. We must be sober and watch for His soon return.

2. In Matthew 24, Jesus gave some signs to warn us of His imminent return. The fulfilment of these signs (natural disasters, pestilences, wars, famines, false Christs and prophets etc) is a reminder that the world is ending and Christ is coming again.

3. Our response to Christ's imminent return is to be a faithful and wise servant. Only God knows exactly when will Christ return. Therefore, while Christ tarries, let us live according to God's Word and be faithful in all areas of our service. A watchful servant must pray for God's grace to fulfil His will (verse 44 to 47).

4. An evil servant is one that has the mindset that Christ is not returning soon. He will also go against faithful servants of Christ and yield to the temptations of the world. God will catch these evil servants by surprise and punish them for their hypocrisy and insincerity in serving the Lord. Let us not be hypocritical servants by disobeying His Word. Instead, may the Lord help us to have a watchful spirit and watch intently for Christ's return (verses 48 to 51).