



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-by-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Matthew 24	Title:	The Faithful Servant
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Summary of Chapter:	Jesus foretold His glorious return at the end times, and the many signs that would precede His second coming – there would be wars and threats of wars, famine and earthquakes. Persecution of His followers would be severe and sin rampant. As to the exact date and time of His return, nobody knows except the Father. The chapter concludes with Jesus' charge to His followers to be ready for His coming. He wants us to be like a faithful servant, responsibly managing the Master's affairs even though we may not know when the Master would return.		

Key Verse(s) (NLT):	How does it speak to me?
<i>⁴⁵"A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. ⁴⁶If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward."</i>	<p>On the day that Jesus returns, we want to be found like the faithful servant doing the work that the Master has entrusted us with. What then, is this work? I believe that, wherever God has placed us in, there the work is for us – the work of preaching the Good News throughout the world – as Jesus taught in Matthew 24:14.</p> <p>A few years after I retired from my last job, I learned that an ex-colleague was hospitalized for late stage cancer. After several visits, I finally had the opportunity to share one-on-one about Christ, without distractions of other visitors. I was so filled with joy when he accepted Christ there and then. Two weeks later, he passed on into eternity, having received the promise of salvation.</p> <p>Let us constantly keep watch and keep doing His work. Let us not only be ready for His return, but also help others in our "world" to be ready. As what Ps Alvin shared in day 1 of this devotional series on Matthew, let's ask God to use us in His salvation masterplan here at Grace and wherever He has placed us.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	In the light of the Lord's imminent return, how are we doing the work that He has entrusted us with, whether in the area of missions, in the marketplace or among our relatives?
Youth:	In the light of Jesus' soon return, do you want to share the Good News with your friends and schoolmates? Do you want to learn how to share the Gospel more effectively?
Child:	How do you feel when you know Jesus is coming back again? How should you live your life differently now to prepare for His coming again? If you have yet to receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, would you like to do so today? (Parents to pray with the child)

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, we thank You for the signs that indicate Jesus' imminent return. Help us to constantly keep watch, faithfully doing the work that You have entrusted us with. May we be found pleasing to You on that day.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.