

The Faithful and Wise Servant

Main Bible Verse:

(Matthew 24:45-47) "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Summary:

- (Matthew 9:27-30) As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this."
 - Today, God is also asking us if we believe that He is able to do this. He is going to heal us, set us free, help us. Do we truly believe. We come to church to receive such faith. We must lift up our hands to pray and to proclaim. When we trust in God wholeheartedly, we will experience Jesus tells us, "According to your faith let it be done to you."
 - Jesus said, who then is the faithful and wise servant, He will put him in charge of all His possessions.
1. In the current situation, our hearts might fluctuate with the happenings in the world. But Jesus told us that you will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains. (Matthew 24:6-8)
 2. But do not let your heart be troubled, Jesus already gave us the solution, be the faithful and wise servant. We must continue to establish a wonderful relationship with God. Do not depart from God, do not depart from the kingdom commission that God has given you, and do not stop going to church.
 3. This is very similar to the time of Noah. God said, "Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God."
 4. Noah trusted in God, even when God's plan was beyond his understanding. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. (Hebrews 11:7/ Genesis 6:17)
 5. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. At a time like this, we must be like the wise, took oil in jars along with their lamps, so we may be ready when Jesus comes again. (2 Peter 3:9)
 6. Noah was faithful for he trusted in God's word and this led to the salvation of his whole family.
 7. Being faithful and wise is to know what God wants us to do, know what God wants us to say, and does exactly as God instructed. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11)
 8. Esther was faithful and wise. When facing crisis, by prayer and fasting, she denied herself and sought God's way and God's wisdom, thus saved the Jews.
 9. Being a servant means denying ourselves and follow only the way of the Lord. Abram was such a faithful and wise servant for he followed God's word and departed from his hometown and headed to the land of God's promise. (Genesis 12:1-3)
 10. When Abram faced famines, he focused on the environment and departed from the place God had sent him. Therefore, he encountered a much worse crisis, he almost lost his wife. (Genesis 12:9-15)

11. Do we come to church and worship God, but when crisis rise, we follow our own feelings instead of God? If we depart from God, depart from the place of promise, depart from the ark, the church, we will find ourselves weary and burdened, for we have departed from where God had sent us and departed from our kingdom commission, therefore, lost the anointing and promise of God.
12. With God's mercy and protection, Abram returned to where God had sent him, where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord. The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you." (Genesis 13:1-4) We must learn to return to the will of God, return to our kingdom commission, and return to church.
13. Lot, on the other hand, does not have God's word. But when he followed Abram, the person with God's word, he was also greatly blessed. However, he forgot how he received his blessings and chose according to what he saw and headed to Sodom and Gomorrah, the cities soon to be destroyed. (Luke 12:15)
14. (Genesis 13:5-9) Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."
15. (Romans 4:1-3) What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." (Genesis 15:1)
16. (Luke 16:10) "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. When Miriam and Aaron opposed Moses, God told them, "Listen to my words: "When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. (Numbers 12)
17. Moses was a faithful and wise servant. This is what God said about Moses, "When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" (Numbers 12:6-8)

Conclusion:

- God is looking for His faithful and wise servant, who are willing to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Jesus. Let us pray that we may all become this faithful and wise servant.