



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 24:42-51**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house

had known the hour of night when the thief was coming,

he would have stayed awake

and not let his house be broken into.

So too, you also must be prepared,

for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

“Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant,

whom the master has put in charge of his household

to distribute to them their food at the proper time?

Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so.

Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property.

But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is long delayed,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with drunkards, the servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

"Our true home is in Heaven", reads one of the prayers in the funeral ritual. But, do we live as though we really believe that? Today's Gospel parable reminds us that we are servants of The Master with a job to do. When He returns at the end of time, He will expect us to give an accounting. Excuses such as "I didn't know" or "I wasn't ready" or "but I was busy doing other things", will not be accepted. No, in the midst of our busy lives, we are called to put The Lord and His way above all. After all, we do hope to spend eternity with Him....right???

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## **Food for your Journey**

The Bible tells us that life is extremely brief.

The Old Testament describes time as: "swifter than a weaver's shuttle" (Job 7:6 NRSV).

"a tale that is told" (Psalm 90:9 KJV).

"grass [that] withers, the flower [that] fades" (Isaiah 40:7-8 NRSV).

The New Testament says:

"For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14 NKJV).

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, how busy we all have become in this life. We do seem to accomplish our goals and desires. However, Lord, we forget that we were put

here to serve You and Your people. Help us, Lord, to be good and faithful servants so that we will be found worthy to spend eternity with You. Amen.

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