

Two Classes of Servants

The reception and rejection of the last message will develop two classes of servants on the earth before the coming of Christ. The first class he calls faithful and wise servants who give the household meat in due season.

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant , whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing.”

[Matt. 24:45, 46]

The other class our Saviour compares to an evil servant who says in his heart, My Lord delayeth his coming.

“But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My Lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” [Matt. 24:48-51]

These words are easily applied. Those servants, or ministers, who reject the warning message, and preach peace and safety, will indulge in the pleasures of the world like most of the people at the present time. They laugh at the danger, and drink deep draughts of the alluring cup held out by the world. They dream of coming glory and golden days on a sin-cursed earth, but their expectations are not founded upon the word of God, therefore they will be sadly disappointed when the Lord comes. Their end will be destruction.

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