

# WHAT IS GOING ON?

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**Matthew 24:45-51 (NIV)** - 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. But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, "My master is staying away a long time," and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Jesus' Olivet discussion is directed to three groups of people: Jews (Matthew 24:4-44), Christ followers (Matthew 24:45-25:30), and Gentile nations (Matthew 25:31-46).**

**Be thankful to Jesus who rescues you from the Tribulation.**

**1 Thessalonians 1:10 (NET)** - And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he has raised from the dead, Jesus our deliverer from the coming wrath.

**As the chaos of the Tribulation unfolds below, the celebration of the saints begins above.**

**All Christ followers will meet Jesus at an awards ceremony that is about recognition, responsibility and riches.**

**At the judgment seat (Bema) of Christ, Christ followers will be equally saved, but not equally rewarded. (1 Corinthians 3:13-15)**

**Matthew 24:46 (NCV)** - When the master comes and finds the servant doing his work, the servant will be blessed.

**Scripture mentions several types of rewards/blessings:**

### Rewards that are recognition

**Matthew 25:23 (NIV)** - His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

### Rewards that are responsibility

**Matthew 25:23c (NIV)** - His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

### Rewards that are riches

**Matthew 19:29 (NIV)** - And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

**On this day of May 17, 2026, God invites you to be the recipient of His blessing for service. On behalf of Jesus Christ, I declare over you a blessing of gratitude. Your service to God's Kingdom has not gone unnoticed by Jesus. One day, in eternity you will be given a reward of recognition, responsibility and riches.**

**Continue to use your time, talents and treasures to serve our King, looking forward to His Second Coming. On that day you will hear from the lips of Jesus, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Go in God's blessing and favor. Thank you for allowing me to pronounce this blessing over you.**

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