

when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants." In verse 40 he says, "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

And then did Peter say, Oh, Lord are you just talking this for people in the distance in the eschatological complex? In the next verse you find he said something entirely different. Verse 41 "Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." And he goes on to say in other words that this is meant for all of my people at all times beginning now. They are to be watching to be ready. And this word watch doesn't mean running to the window every few minutes to look to see if he is coming. It doesn't mean watch in that modern sense at all. It means the old English watch which means be wide awake, be vigilant, be on the job. As he said, Blessed is that servant who is giving the people their portion of food in his season. Not blessed is that one whom the Lord finds making a lot of money when he comes. Not blessed is that one whom the Lord finds getting a <sup>great</sup> reputation for himself when he comes. Not blessed is that one whom the Lord finds greatly increasing human culture when he comes. These are all good things. They all have their places, but blessed is that one who is doing the primary duty that the Lord has for everyone of ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> people to be studying the word and finding in it the food we need for our spiritual life and giving that food to other Christians to strengthen them and to help them and to bless them. This is not ~~just~~ a work just for ministers. This is a work for all Christians. We are to strengthen