

and will make . . . to serve them, and if he shall come in the second watch or come in the third watch and find them . . . blessed are those servants. V.40 says Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of Man comes in an hour when you think not. Verse 41 Peter said, Lord speakest thou this parable unto us or even unto all? Jesus went on to show He was speaking to all His followers. They are to be like those who wait for their Lord to come and they don't know whether He will come soon or come later and when anybody says, The Lord cannot come back until this happens, or until that happens, or until the other happens he is definitely contradicting what our Lord says so clearly here in Lk. and what He says in Acts that the times and seasons are in the Lord's hands and we are always to be ready, always looking, always to have our loins girded which means to be always active in our Lord's service being ready so that when he comes He will say Well done thou good and faithful servant.

It is interesting to note that in Paul's very first epistle, I Thess., the very first letter he wrote to that new church which he had established and which had not been in existence very long when he wrote this letter we find what his idea was of what they were doing and what he had called them to do. He said in v.9 . . . how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son from heaven whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivered us from the wrath to come." That new ch. in Thess., Paul had taught them that they were waiting for the return of the Lord. They were watching and ready not knowing when He might come. Now turn from the first epistle of Paul to what was perhaps his last and read at least one of the last epistles he wrote, we find in 2 Tim. 4 === "I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ thatz who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing, and his kingdom,