

# **WE ARE CALLED TO BE WATCHFUL**

**Luke 12:35-40/48**

## **OLD YEAR'S EVE SERMON**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Certainly, it is of great gratitude to inform you, that “to watch” becomes an accountability/ great responsibility ceded to God Stewards. It is a surveillance brothers and sisters i.e. monitoring safety on standards. What do we call close observation/ to guard or keeping one’s eyes fixed on. According to God (the Manager) there are normal roles and services to care/ to serve. What is expected of us is faithfulness, readiness, need for watchfulness, and be on wait for the return of the Lord. Brothers and Sisters, we meet warnings of watchfulness about three grades of punishment.

We also see the positiveness i.e. the privileges for an outstanding slave/ God’s servant who is left in charge of an estate. Appeared to be a wise Manager who did his/her duty by fulfilling responsibilities. Brethren, we are also given the total division of the night into four shifts of the Romans, and three shifts of the Jews by Luke. He says all turns were done at the Banquet. This is also expected of us in God’s work.

### **2. BODY**

All are called to be watchful. There is a need of this, ladies and gentlemen, on the part of all of God’s children. Christians should be like watchful servants waiting for the return of their Lord. We should be like faithful servants who are awake, clothed, and have all in readiness to greet their Lord when He returns to his new bride (church) from their wedding, whether his return be in a second or the third watch night. As watchdogs of faith, cleanliness in needed not from certain people.

Brethren, the Lord will be so pleased by his servants “ watchfulness” that he will grid himself an serve then to banquet supper which they prepared for him and His bide. We as Christians should be like the master of a house who is every day ready for the coming of a thief. Luke says both the thief and Christ came at an unexpected time, so we should be ready to all times for the coming of either.

The Word of God today, emphasise the need for watchfulness on the part of God’s Ministers. If God’s ministers are watchful and faithful, they will be accounted as the stewards and will be rewarded. But if they are unwatchful and unfaithful, they will be accounted as false stewards and will be punished.

## **CLOSURE/ ENDING**

Brothers and Sisters,

The word says, "where much knowledge is given, much is required and where little is given little will be required. This is to say " if our Lord at His return, finds that we didn't do His work, he will cut us off and leave us with hypocrites and unbelievers.

Laat ons almal op staan en God se werk doen, sodat ons Sy Koninkryk kan beërf. If He finds us feeding His servants Spiritual food or otherwise we will be called, Sons and Daughters of the Kingdom. We will be rulers over all that He posses.

Ons gaan gered word, ons gaan nuwe mense wees as ons saam met Hom bly. Laat ons sy wil doen en loop op God se pad. Nou sien ons die verskil of veranderinge in ons lewe. Ons moet Hom aanvaar.  
Accept the Lord always. Amen