

**ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE?
Matthew 24:45-51**

I. The Problem: What should be the proper response to the signs which will be given at the end of the age? (45)

1 Corinthians 4:1-2: Let a man so consider us, as **servants of Christ and stewards** of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in **stewards that one be found faithful.**

II. The Responsible Slave (46-47).

A. His Assignment (46).

John 13:17: If you know these things, **blessed are you if you do them.**

Revelation 16:15: Behold, I am coming as a thief. **Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments,** lest he walk naked and they see his shame.

B. His Reward (47).

Matthew 25:21: His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, **I will make you ruler over many things.** Enter into the joy of your lord.'

III. The Irresponsible Slave (48-51).

A. His Attitude (48).

2 Peter 3:3-4: knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and **saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?"** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."

B. His Actions (49).

2 Peter 3:11-12: Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,** because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

C. His Judgment (50-51).

Matthew 13:41-43: The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and **will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.** He who has ears to hear, let him hear!