

## 第四篇

## Message Four

藉着作忠信又精明的奴僕，  
而為着主的來臨將自己豫備好

## Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming by Being a Faithful and Prudent Slave

詩歌：

Hymns:

讀經：太二四 45 ~ 51

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太 24:48 若是那惡僕心裏說，我的主人必來得遲，

太 24:49 就動手打那些和他同作奴僕的，又和酒醉的人一同喫喝，

太 24:50 在想不到的日子，不知道的時辰，那奴僕的主人要來，

太 24:51 把他割斷，定他和假冒為善的人同受處分；在那裏必要哀哭切齒了。

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一神在信仰裏的經綸，乃是祂的『家庭』經營，祂的家庭行政，要在基督裏將祂自己分賜到祂所揀選的人裏面，使祂得着一個家彰顯祂自己，這家就是召會，基督的身體—提前一 4，三 15，弗二 19。

提前 1:4 也不可注意虛構無稽之事，和無窮的家譜；這等事只引起

Scripture Reading: Matt. 24:45-51

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Matt. 24:48 But if that evil slave says in his heart, My master delays,

Matt. 24:49 And begins to beat his fellow slaves and eats and drinks with the drunken,

Matt. 24:50 The master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know,

Matt. 24:51 And will cut him asunder and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

I. **“Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Truly I say to you that he will set him over all his possessions”—Matt. 24:45-47:**

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A. God's economy in faith is His “household” economy, His household administration, which is to dispense Himself in Christ into His chosen people that He may have a house to express Himself, which house is the church, the Body of Christ—1 Tim. 1:4; 3:15; Eph. 2:19.

1 Tim. 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than

辯論，對於神在信仰裏的經綸並無助益。

提前 3:15 倘若我耽延，你也可以知道在神的家中當怎樣行；這家就是活神的召會，真理的柱石和根基。

弗 2:19 這樣，你們不再是外人和寄居的，乃是聖徒同國之民，是神家裏的親人，

## 二 忠信又精明的奴僕乃是神家中的管家，管理家庭的人，將基督當作『食物』分賜給祂的信徒——林前九 17，弗三 2，林前四 1，彼前四 10：

林前 9:17 我若甘心作這事，就有賞賜；若不甘心，管家的職分卻已經託付我了。

弗 3:2 諒必你們曾聽見那為着你們所賜給我，神恩典的管家職分，林前 4:1 這樣，人應當把我們看作基督的執事，和神的奧祕的管家。

彼前 4:10 各人要照所得的恩賜，將這恩賜彼此供應，作神諸般恩典的好管家。

### 1 忠信是向着主；（林前四 2，七 25；）精明是向着信徒。（參西一 28，代下一 10，腓四 5。）

林前 4:2 還有，在此所求於管家的，是要他顯為忠信。

林前 7:25 關於童身的人，我沒有主的命令，但我既蒙主憐憫成為忠信的，就題出我的意見。

西 1:28 我們宣揚祂，是用全般的智慧警戒各人，教導各人，好將各人在基督裏成熟的獻上；

代下 1:10 求你賜我智慧和知識，我好在這民前出入；不然，誰能審斷你這眾多的民呢？

腓 4:5 當叫眾人知道你們的謙讓宜人。主是近的。

### 2 對於忠信的奴僕，主在諸天之國的實現裏，要派他管理一切的家業，作為賞賜——太二五 21，23。

太 25:21 主人對他說，好，良善又忠信的奴僕，你在不多的事上既是忠信的，我要把許多事派你管理；進來享受你主人的快樂。

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## 三 『分糧給他們』，意指在召會裏，將神的話和基督當作生命的供應，供應信徒；作為賜生命之靈的基督是我們的食物，祂具體化並實化在生命的話裏——二四 45，約六 57，63，68：

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約 6:57 活的父怎樣差我來，我又因父活着，照樣，那喫我的人，

God's economy, which is in faith.

1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

Eph. 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

## B. The faithful and prudent slave is a steward in God's house, a household administrator, dispensing Christ as “food” to His believers—1 Cor. 9:17; Eph. 3:2; 1 Cor. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:10:

1 Cor. 9:17 If I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a stewardship.

Eph. 3:2 If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

1 Cor. 4:1 A man should account us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

1 Pet. 4:10 Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

### 1. Faithfulness is shown toward the Lord (1 Cor. 4:2; 7:25), whereas prudence is exercised toward the believers (cf. Col. 1:28; 2 Chron. 1:10; Phil. 4:5).

1 Cor. 4:2 Here, furthermore, it is sought in stewards that one be found faithful.

1 Cor. 7:25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who has been shown mercy by the Lord to be faithful.

Col. 1:28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

2 Chron. 1:10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?

Phil. 4:5 Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is near.

### 2. In the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens, the Lord will set the faithful slave over all His possessions; this will be a reward to His slave—Matt. 25:21, 23.

Matt. 25:21 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.

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## C. Give them food refers to ministering the word of God and Christ as the life supply to the believers in the church; Christ as the life-giving Spirit is our food, embodied and realized in the word of life—24:45; John 6:57, 63, 68:

Matt. 24:45 Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time?

John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also

也要因我活着。

約 6:63 賜人生命的乃是靈，肉是無益的；我對你們所說的話，就是靈，就是生命。

約 6:68 西門彼得回答祂說，主阿，你有永遠生命的話，我們還歸從誰？

## 1 我們若要享受主作我們屬靈的食物，使我們能餵養別人，就需要藉着各樣的禱告，並藉着默想祂的話，就是反覆思想且（出聲）講說祂的話，而接受祂的話—弗六 17 ~ 18，詩一一九 15（見註），48，148，書一 8，利十一 2 ~ 3，結三 1 ~ 4，西三 16。

弗 6:17 還要藉着各樣的禱告和祈求，接受救恩的頭盔，並那靈的劍，那靈就是神的話；

弗 6:18 時時在靈裏禱告，並盡力堅持，在這事上做醒，且為眾聖徒祈求，

詩 119:15 我要<sup>1</sup>默想你的訓辭，看重你的道路。

詩 119:15 註 這辭意義豐富，原文含示敬拜、與自己交談、以及大聲說話。默想話乃是藉着仔細揣摩而品嚐、享受它。禱告、對自己說話和讚美主，也可包括在默想話中。默想神的話乃是享受祂的話作為祂的氣，（提後三 16，）因而被神注入、將神吸入、並接受屬靈的滋養。

詩 119:48 我要向你的誠命舉手，這些誠命是我所愛的；我也要默想你的律例。

詩 119:148 我趁夜更未換，將眼睜開，為要默想你的話語。

書 1:8 這律法書不可離開你的口，總要晝夜默想，好使你照這書上所寫的一切，謹守遵行。如此，你的道路就可以亨通，你也必凡事順利。

利 11:2 你們要對以色列人說，地上一切走獸中，你們可以喫的活物乃是這些：

利 11:3 凡分蹄，就是蹄裂兩瓣，並且反芻的走獸，你們都可以喫。

結 3:1 祂對我說，人子阿，要喫你所得的；要喫這書卷，然後去對以色列家講說。

結 3:2 於是我開口，祂就使我喫那書卷。

結 3:3 祂又對我說，人子阿，要把我所賜給你的這書卷喫下，充滿你的肚腹。我就喫了，口中覺得其甜如蜜。

結 3:4 祂對我說，人子阿，你往以色列家那裏去，對他們講說我的話。

西 3:16 當用各樣的智慧，讓基督的話豐豐富富的住在你們裏面，用詩章、頌辭、靈歌，彼此教導，互相勸戒，心被感恩歌頌神；

## 2 我們需要堅定持續的禱告，並盡話語的職事—徒六 4，參來七 25，八 2。

徒 6:4 但我們要堅定持續的禱告，並盡話語的職事。

來 7:25 所以，那藉着祂來到神面前的人，祂都能拯救到底；因為祂是長遠活着，為他們代求。

shall live because of Me.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

John 6:68 Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life,

## 1. In order to enjoy the Lord as our spiritual food so that we can feed others, we need to receive His word by means of all prayer and by musing on His word, speaking His word aloud with much reconsideration—Eph. 6:17-18; Psa. 119:15 (see footnote), 48, 148; Josh. 1:8; Lev. 11:2-3; Ezek. 3:1-4; Col. 3:16.

Eph. 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

Eph. 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

Psa. 119:15 I will<sup>1</sup> muse upon Your precepts / And regard Your ways.

Footnote Rich in meaning, the Hebrew word for muse (often translated meditate in the KJV) implies to worship, to converse with oneself, and to speak aloud. To muse on the word is to taste and enjoy it through careful considering. Prayer, speaking to oneself, and praising the Lord may also be included in musing on the word. To muse on the word of God is to enjoy His word as His breath (2 Tim. 3:16) and thus to be infused with God, to breathe God in, and to receive spiritual nourishment.

Psa. 119:48 And I will lift up my hand to Your commandments, which I love; / And I will muse upon Your statutes.

Psa. 119:148 My eyes anticipated the night watches, / That I might muse upon Your word.

Josh. 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall muse upon it day and night so that you may be certain to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success.

Lev. 11:2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, These are the animals which you may eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.

Lev. 11:3 Whatever has a divided hoof, that is, has its hoof split in two, and chews the cud among the beasts, that you may eat.

Ezek. 3:1 Then He said to me, Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.

Ezek. 3:2 So I opened my mouth, and He gave me that scroll to eat.

Ezek. 3:3 And He said to me, Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your inward parts with this scroll that I am giving you. And I ate it, and it was like honey in my mouth in its sweetness.

Ezek. 3:4 Then He said to me, Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

## 2. We need to continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word—Acts 6:4; cf. Heb. 7:25; 8:2.

Acts 6:4 But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word.

Heb. 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.

來 8:2 作了聖所，就是真帳幕的執事；這帳幕是主所支的，不是人所支的。

### 3 我們需要申言以建造召會，就是藉着操練我們的靈，在聖靈即時和新鮮的感動、膏抹並光照下，用這生命的活話講說我們所看見的一林前十四 4 下，徒五 20，四 20，二二 15。

林前 14:4 那說方言的，是建造自己，但那申言的，乃是建造召會。

徒 5:20 你們去站在殿裏，把這生命的話，都講給百姓聽。

徒 4:20 因為我們所看見所聽見的，不能不說。

徒 22:15 因為你要將所看見所聽見的，向萬人為祂作見證。

### 4 我們需要把自己禱告到神裏面，接受賜生命的靈作我們的供應，我們屬靈的食物，以餵養我們自己，和那些受我們照顧的人—路十一 1 ~ 13。

路 11:1 耶穌在一個地方禱告，禱告完了，有一個門徒對祂說，主阿，教導我們禱告，像約翰教導他的門徒一樣。

路 11:2 耶穌說，你們禱告的時候，要說，父阿，願你的名被尊為聖，願你的國來臨。

路 11:3 我們日用的食物，天天賜給我們；

路 11:4 赦免我們的罪，因為我們也赦免凡虧欠我們的人；不叫我們陷入試誘。

路 11:5 耶穌又說，你們中間誰有一個朋友，半夜到他那裏去，說，朋友，請借給我三個餅；

路 11:6 因為我有一個朋友行路來到我這裏，我沒有甚麼可以給他擺上。

路 11:7 那人在裏面回答說，不要攪擾我，門已經關閉，孩子們也同我在牀上了，我不能起來給你。

路 11:8 我告訴你們，雖不因他是朋友起來給他，但因他情辭迫切的直求，就必起來，照他所需用的給他。

路 11:9 我又告訴你們，求，就給你們；尋找，就尋見；叩門，就給你們開門。

路 11:10 因為凡求的，就得着；尋找的，就尋見；叩門的，就給他開門。

路 11:11 你們中間作父親的，誰有兒子求魚，反拿蛇當魚給他？

路 11:12 或求雞蛋，反給他蠍子？

路 11:13 你們雖然不好，尚且知道把好东西給兒女，何況天上的父，豈不更將聖靈給求祂的人麼？

### 5 我們需要作賜生命的『祈求者』，就是作那能賜人生命的賜生命之靈的管道—約壹五 16。

約壹 5:16 人若看見他的弟兄犯了不至於死的罪，就當為他祈求，將生命賜給他，就是給那些犯了不至於死之罪的。有至於死的罪，我不說當為那罪祈求。

Heb. 8:2 A Minister of the holy places, even of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.

### 3. We need to prophesy to build up the church—speaking what we see with the living words of this life under the instant and fresh inspiration, anointing, and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit through the exercise of our spirit—1 Cor. 14:4b; Acts 5:20; 4:20; 22:15.

1 Cor. 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but he who prophesies builds up the church.

Acts 5:20 Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.

Acts 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 22:15 For you will be a witness to Him unto all men of the things which you have seen and heard.

### 4. We need to pray ourselves into God to receive the life-giving Spirit as our supply, our spiritual food, to feed ourselves and those under our care—Luke 11:1-13.

Luke 11:1 And while He was in a certain place praying, when He ceased, a certain one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples.

Luke 11:2 And He said to them, When you pray, say, Father, Your name be sanctified; Your kingdom come.

Luke 11:3 Give us each day our daily bread.

Luke 11:4 And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us into temptation.

Luke 11:5 And He said to them, Who among you will have a friend and will go to him at midnight and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves,

Luke 11:6 Since a friend of mine has come to me from a journey and I have nothing to set before him;

Luke 11:7 And that one, from inside, will answer and say, Do not trouble me; the door is already shut and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise up and give you anything?

Luke 11:8 I say to you, Even though he will not rise up and give him anything because he is his friend, surely because of his shameless persistence he will rise and give him what he needs.

Luke 11:9 And I say to you, Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.

Luke 11:10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

Luke 11:11 But what father among you whose son shall ask for a fish will instead of a fish hand him a snake?

Luke 11:12 Or if he shall also ask for an egg will hand him a scorpion?

Luke 11:13 If you then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father who is from heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

### 5. We need to be life-giving “askers,” channels of the life-giving Spirit who can give life to others—1 John 5:16.

1 John 5:16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask and he will give life to him, to those sinning not unto death. There is a sin unto death; I do not say that he should make request concerning that.

6 我們需要作『新鮮之油的兒子』，不斷被新鮮、現今並終極完成的那靈作為歡樂的油所充滿，流出那靈到燈臺裏，使燈臺作照耀的見證，就是耶穌的見證—亞四 6，12～14，腓一 25，啓三 18，太二五 9：

亞 4:6 他回答我說，這是耶和華給所羅巴伯的話，說，萬軍之耶和華說，不是倚靠權勢，不是倚靠能力，乃是倚靠我的靈。

亞 4:12 我第二次問他說，在兩個金嘴旁邊，這兩根流出金油的橄欖枝是甚麼意思？

亞 4:13 他對我說，你不知道這是甚麼意思麼？我說，我主阿，我不知道。

亞 4:14 他說，這是兩個油的兒子，站在全地之主的旁邊。

腓 1:25 我既然這樣深信，就知道仍要留下，繼續與你們眾人同住，使你們得到信仰上的進步和喜樂，

啓 3:18 我勸你向我買火煉的金子，叫你富足；又買白衣穿上，叫你赤身的羞恥不露出來；又買眼藥擦你的眼睛，使你能看見。

太 25:9 精明的回答說，恐怕不敷我們和你們用的，不如你們到賣油的那裏，為自己買罷。

a 日復一日，我們必須出代價得着更多的神在祂的神聖性情裏作為金油，好使我們能成為純金的燈臺，為着建造金的新耶路撒冷—彼後一 4，啓三 18，一 20，二一 18，太二五 8～9。

彼後 1:4 藉這榮耀和美德，祂已將又寶貴又極大的應許賜給我們，叫你們既逃離世上從情慾來的敗壞，就藉着這些應許，得有分於神的性情。

啓 3:18 我勸你向我買火煉的金子，叫你富足；又買白衣穿上，叫你赤身的羞恥不露出來；又買眼藥擦你的眼睛，使你能看見。

啓 1:20 論到你所看見在我右手中的七星，和七個金燈臺的奧祕，那七星就是七個召會的使者，七燈臺就是七個召會。

啓 21:18 牆是用碧玉造的，城是純金的，如同明淨的玻璃。

太 25:8 愚拙的對精明的說，請分點油給我們，因為我們的燈要滅了。

太 25:9 精明的回答說，恐怕不敷我們和你們用的，不如你們到賣油的那裏，為自己買罷。

b 我們將這事應用到今天的經歷時，就看見從我們裏面流出來的那靈就是神，而神就是金；因此，我們將基督供應給別人，用油供應他們的時候，實際上就是用神供應他們；神就從我們流出來，流到他們裏面—亞四 12～

6. We need to be “sons of fresh oil,” those who are continually being filled with the fresh, present, and consummated Spirit as the oil of gladness, to flow out the Spirit into the lampstand for its shining testimony, the testimony of Jesus—Zech. 4:6, 12-14; Phil. 1:25; Rev. 3:18; Matt. 25:9:

Zech. 4:6 And he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts.

Zech. 4:12 And I answered a second time and said to him, What are the two olive branches that are by the side of the two golden spouts, which empty the gold from themselves?

Zech. 4:13 And he spoke to me, saying, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, sir.

Zech. 4:14 And he said, These are the two sons of oil, who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Phil. 1:25 And being confident of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of the faith,

Rev. 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

Matt. 25:9 But the prudent answered, saying, Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.

a. Day by day we need to pay the price to gain more of God as the golden oil in His divine nature so that we can become a pure golden lampstand for the building of the golden New Jerusalem—2 Pet. 1:4; Rev. 3:18; 1:20; 21:18; Matt. 25:8-9.

2 Pet. 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

Rev. 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

Rev. 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Rev. 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

Matt. 25:8 And the foolish said to the prudent, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.

Matt. 25:9 But the prudent answered, saying, Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.

b. As we apply this matter to our experience today, we see that the Spirit who flows out of us is God, and God is gold; thus, when we minister Christ to others, supplying them with oil, we are actually supplying them with God; God is flowing out from us into them—Zech. 4:12-14;

14，約七 38 ~ 39，林後三 3，6，8，路十 34。

亞 4:12 我第二次問他說，在兩個金嘴旁邊，這兩根流出金油的橄欖枝是甚麼意思？

亞 4:13 他對我說，你不知道這是甚麼意思麼？我說，我主阿，我不知道。

亞 4:14 他說，這是兩個油的兒子，站在全地之主的旁邊。

約 7:38 信入我的人，就如經上所說，從他腹中要流出活水的江河來。

約 7:39 耶穌這話是指着信入祂的人將要受的那靈說的；那時還沒有那靈，因為耶穌尚未得着榮耀。

林後 3:3 你們顯明是基督的信，由我們供職所寫的，不是用墨，乃是用活神的靈寫的，不是寫在石版上，乃是寫在肉版，就是心上。

林後 3:6 祂使我們較資格作新約的執事，這些執事不是屬於字句，乃是屬於靈，因為那字句殺死人，那靈卻叫人活。

林後 3:8 何況那靈的職事，豈不更帶着榮光？

路 10:34 上前把油和酒倒在他的傷處，包裹好了，扶他騎上自己的牲口，帶到客店裏照料他。

貳 『若是那惡僕心裏說，我的主人必來得遲，就動手打那些和他同作奴僕的，又和酒醉的人一同喫喝，在想不到的日子，不知道的時辰，那奴僕的主人要來，把他割斷，定他和假冒為善的人同受處分；在那裏必要哀哭切齒了』—太二四 48 ~ 51：

太 24:48 若是那惡僕心裏說，我的主人必來得遲，

太 24:49 就動手打那些和他同作奴僕的，又和酒醉的人一同喫喝，

太 24:50 在想不到的日子，不知道的時辰，那奴僕的主人要來，

太 24:51 把他割斷，定他和假冒為善的人同受處分；在那裏必要哀哭切齒了。

一 我們心裏說，我們的主人必來得遲，這乃是愛現今邪惡的世代，不愛主的顯現—提後四 8，10：

提後 4:8 從此以後，有公義的冠冕為我存留，就是主，那公義的審判者，在那日要賞賜我的；不但賞賜我，也賞賜凡愛祂顯現的人。

提後 4:10 因為底馬愛了現今的世代，就離棄我往帖撒羅尼迦去了；革勒士往加拉太去，提多往撻馬太去。

1 『來臨』的原文是 parousia，巴路西亞，意思是『同在』；我們要成為愛主顯現，就是愛祂來臨的人，

John 7:38-39; 2 Cor. 3:3, 6, 8; Luke 10:34.

Zech. 4:12 And I answered a second time and said to him, What are the two olive branches that are by the side of the two golden spouts, which empty the gold from themselves?

Zech. 4:13 And he spoke to me, saying, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, sir.

Zech. 4:14 And he said, These are the two sons of oil, who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

John 7:38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

2 Cor. 3:3 Since you are being manifested that you are a letter of Christ ministered by us, inscribed not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tablets of stone but in tablets of hearts of flesh.

2 Cor. 3:6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Cor. 3:8 How shall the ministry of the Spirit not be more in glory?

Luke 10:34 And he came to him and bound up his wounds and poured oil and wine on them. And placing him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him.

II. “But if that evil slave says in his heart, My master delays, and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eats and drinks with the drunken, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know, and will cut him asunder and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth”—Matt. 24:48-51:

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Matt. 24:50 The master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know,

Matt. 24:51 And will cut him asunder and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

A. To say in our heart that our Master delays is to love the present evil age and not to love the Lord's appearing—2 Tim. 4:8, 10:

2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

2 Tim. 4:10 For Demas has abandoned me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.

1. The Greek word for coming is parousia, which means “presence”; to love the Lord's appearing, His coming, we must love His appearing,

就必須寶愛祂今天的顯現，就是祂今天的同在一太二四3，37，徒二六16，林後二10，詩歌二九〇首。

太 24:3 耶穌在橄欖山上坐着，門徒暗暗的到祂跟前來，說，請告訴我們，甚麼時候會有這些事？你的來臨和這世代的終結，有甚麼兆頭？

太 24:37 挪亞的日子怎樣，人子來臨也要怎樣。

徒 26:16 你起來站着，我向你顯現，正是要選定你作執事和見證人，將你所看見我的事，和我將要顯現給你的事，見證出來；

林後 2:10 你們饒恕誰甚麼，我也饒恕；我若曾有所饒恕，我所已經饒恕的，是在基督的面前，為你們饒恕的；

詩歌二九〇首 主耶穌，我羨慕活在你面前

一 主耶穌，我羨慕活在你面前，  
在早晨，在晚上，只有一世間；  
不讓我心快樂，若我在愛慕、  
在感覺、或思想無你的事物。  
每一刻，每一天，不論何痛苦，  
當世上正沒有甚麼可鼓舞，  
當歎息正不禁，眼淚流滴滴，  
主，擦乾我眼淚，平靜我歎息。

二 我每次如夢想人生的善美，  
親愛主，我求你，必須也在內！  
不讓我離開你去尋求快樂，  
不讓我憑自己去單獨選擇！  
當每夜萬籟靜，孤單自處時，  
主耶穌，我求你，仍與我同止；  
當每晨未破曉，我仍蒙昧中，  
求你來低聲喚，將我耳開通。

三 當每次我虔讀你聖潔話語，  
求你用你榮耀照亮每一句；  
讓我能明看見：這寶貴救主，  
和祂的大救恩，無一不我屬。  
當我正無倚靠跪到你座前，  
求垂聽我禱告，賜穀用恩典；  
有時候因有錯，禱告你不聽，  
別收回你同在，使我感不寧。

四 當每次我想到屬天的福氣，  
讓我心切羨慕早日會見你；  
我今日所希望只有你再來，  
我那日所快樂只有你同在。  
主，求你教訓我活在你面前，  
在早晨，在晚上，只有一世間；  
不讓我心快樂，若我在愛慕、  
在感覺、或思想無你的事物。

His presence, today—Matt. 24:3, 37; Acts 26:16; 2 Cor. 2:10; Hymns, #389.

Matt. 24:3 And as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, When will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming and of the consummation of the age?

Matt. 24:37 For just as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Acts 26:16 But rise up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen Me and of the things in which I will appear to you;

2 Cor. 2:10 But whom you forgive anything, I also forgive; for also what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, it is for your sake in the person of Christ;

Hymn 389 Longings-For Living In The Lord's Presence

1 Lord Jesus, I long in Thy presence to live,  
From morning to evening my one world Thou art;  
O let not my heart be contented or rest  
When loving or seeking what with Thee doth part.  
Each moment, each day, throughout suffering and pain,  
When nought in the world can give comfort or cheer,  
When sighing and weeping encompasses me,  
Lord, still all my sighing and wipe every tear.

2 Each time when I dream of the goodness of life,  
I pray Thee, dear Lord, that Thou in it may be;  
O do not allow me to choose by myself,  
Nor seek any pleasure that's other than Thee.  
Each night when alone in the stillness I lie,  
I pray Thee, Lord Jesus, that Thou wilt be near;  
Each morning ere dawn comes, while still in my sleep,  
Then whispering call me and open my ear.

3 Each time, Lord, when reading in Thy holy Word,  
I pray that Thy glory may shine on each line,  
That clearly I'll see what a Savior I have  
And how great salvation that Thou hast made mine.  
When helpless I come, Lord, to kneel at Thy throne,  
I pray Thee to hear me and grant me Thy grace;  
If thru my shortcomings Thou hear not my prayer,  
Withdraw not Thy presence, O hide not Thy face.

4 Each time when of heavenly blessings I think,  
O let my heart long to be raptured to Thee;  
My only hope here is Thy coming again,  
My only joy there, Lord, Thy presence will be.  
Lord, teach me each day in Thy presence to live,  
From morning to evening my one world Thou art;  
O let not my heart be contented or rest  
When loving or seeking what with Thee doth part.

2 只要我們有今天，就應當愛主和祂的顯現，等候祂的來臨，以祂的來臨作為警告、鼓勵和激勵—提後四 8，腓三 20，啓二二 12。

提後 4:8 從此以後，有公義的冠冕為我存留，就是主，那公義的審判者，在那日要賞賜我的；不但賞賜我，也賞賜凡愛祂顯現的人。

腓 3:20 我們的國籍乃是在諸天之上，我們也熱切等待救主，就是主耶穌基督，從那裏降臨；

啓 22:12 看哪，我必快來！賞罰在我，我要照各人所行的報應他。

3 為着主的來臨，我們需要儆醒並豫備好—太二五 13，二四 44，啓十九 7。

太 25:13 所以你們要儆醒，因為那日子、那時辰，你們不知道。

太 24:44 所以你們也要豫備，因為在你們想不到的時辰，人子就來了。

啓 19:7 我們要喜樂歡騰，將榮耀歸與祂；因為羔羊婚娶的時候到了，新婦也自己豫備好了。

4 我們需要提防貪婪，不為自己積財，乃要對神富足—路十二 16～20，林後六 10，弗三 8。

路 12:16 耶穌就告訴他們一個比喻，說，有一個財主的田地出產豐盛；

路 12:17 他自己心裏思量說，我的出產沒有地方收藏，怎麼辦？

路 12:18 又說，我要這樣辦：要把我的倉房拆了，另蓋更大的，好在那裏收藏我一切的麥子和財物。

路 12:19 然後要對我的魂說，魂哪，你有許多財物積存，可供多年享用，你休息罷，喫喝快樂罷。

路 12:20 神卻對他說，無知的人哪，今夜必要你的魂；你所豫備的，要歸誰？

林後 6:10 似乎憂愁，卻常常喜樂；似乎貧窮，卻叫許多人富足；似乎一無所有，卻擁有萬有。

弗 3:8 這恩典賜給了我這比眾聖徒中最小者還小的，叫我將基督那追測不盡的豐富，當作福音傳給外邦人，

5 我們需要回想羅得的妻子，不要貪愛並寶貝神即將審判並徹底毀滅的邪惡世界—路十七 28～32。

路 17:28 又好像羅得的日子，人喫喝買賣，栽種蓋造，

路 17:29 到羅得出所多瑪的那日，就有火與硫磺從天上降下來，把他們全都毀滅了。

路 17:30 人子顯現的日子，也要這樣。

路 17:31 當那日，人在房頂上，器具在屋子裏，不要下來拿；在田地裏的，也照樣不要回去。

路 17:32 你們要回想羅得的妻子。

2. As long as we have today, we should love the Lord and His appearing, awaiting His coming and taking His coming as a warning, an encouragement, and an incentive—2 Tim. 4:8; Phil. 3:20; Rev. 22:12.

2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

Phil. 3:20 For our commonwealth exists in the heavens, from which also we eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Rev. 22:12 Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me to render to each one as his work is.

3. We need to watch and be ready for His coming—Matt. 25:13; 24:44; Rev. 19:7.

Matt. 25:13 Watch therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

Matt. 24:44 For this reason you also be ready, because at an hour when you do not expect it, the Son of Man is coming.

Rev. 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

4. We need to beware of covetousness, not storing up treasure for ourselves but being rich toward God—Luke 12:16-20; 2 Cor. 6:10; Eph. 3:8.

Luke 12:16 And He told them a parable, saying, The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundantly.

Luke 12:17 And he reasoned in himself, saying, What shall I do, for I have no place where I may gather my crops?

Luke 12:18 And he said, I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and I will gather there all my wheat and my goods.

Luke 12:19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; rest, eat, drink, be merry.

Luke 12:20 But God said to him, Foolish one, this night they are requiring your soul from you; and the things which you have prepared, whose will they be?

2 Cor. 6:10 As made sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

Eph. 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

5. We need to remember Lot's wife, not loving and treasuring the evil world that God is going to judge and utterly destroy—Luke 17:28-32.

Luke 17:28 Likewise, even as it happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;

Luke 17:29 But on the day in which Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:30 It will be in the same way on the day in which the Son of Man is revealed.

Luke 17:31 In that day, he who will be on the housetop and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away; and he who is in the field, likewise, let him not turn back to the things behind.

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.



## 6 我們需要儆醒並祈求，叫主來臨的那日子不致如同網羅忽然臨到我們—二一 34 ~ 36，參太二 3。

路 21:34 你們要小心，恐怕因酗酒、沉醉並今生的思慮，累住你們的心，那日子就如同網羅忽然臨到你們，

路 21:35 因為那日子要這樣臨到全地面上一切居住的人。

路 21:36 但你們要時時儆醒，常常祈求，使你們得勝，能逃避這一切要發生的事，得以站立在人子面前。

太 2:3 希律王聽見了，就驚慌不安，全耶路撒冷也同他一樣。

## 7 『主耶穌阿，我願你來！』—這該是愛主和祂顯現之人的渴望、呼求、和經常的禱告—啓二二 20，多二 12 ~ 13。

啓 22:20 見證這些事的說，是的，我必快來！阿們。主耶穌阿，我願你來！

多 2:12 教導我們棄絕不敬虔和屬世的情慾，好在今世過自守、公義、敬虔的生活，

多 2:13 等候那有福的盼望，就是至大的神和我們的救主，耶穌基督之榮耀的顯現。

## 二動手打那些和我們同作奴僕的，乃是虐待作我們同伴的信徒—參徒九 4：

徒 9:4 他就仆倒在地，聽見有聲音對他說，掃羅，掃羅，你為甚麼逼迫我？

## 1 我們不該審判、定罪作我們同伴的信徒，乃要以恩慈待他們，心存慈憐，饒恕他們，正如神在基督裏饒恕了我們一樣—路六 37，弗四 31 ~ 32。

路 6:37 你們不要審判，就絕不會受審判；你們不要定罪，就絕不會被定罪；你們要赦免人，就必蒙赦免。

弗 4:31 一切苦毒、惱恨、忿怒、喧嚷、毀謗，同一切的惡毒，都要從你們中間除掉。

弗 4:32 你們要以恩慈相待，心存慈憐，彼此饒恕，正如神在基督裏饒恕了你們一樣。

## 2 我們不該辱罵或批評我們的弟兄，乃要看他們比我們強—林前六 10 ~ 11，腓二 3，29。

林前 6:10 偷竊的、貪婪的、醉酒的、辱罵的、勒索的，都不能承受神的國。

林前 6:11 你們中間有人從前也是這樣，但在主耶穌基督的名裏，並在我們神的靈裏，你們已經洗淨了自己，已經聖別了，已經稱義了。

腓 2:3 凡事都不私圖好爭，也不貪圖虛榮，只要心思卑微，各人看別人比自己強；

## 6. We need to be watchful and beseeching so that the day of the Lord's coming would not come upon us suddenly as a snare—21:34-36; cf. Matt. 2:3.

Luke 21:34 But take heed to yourselves lest perhaps your hearts be weighed down with debauchery and drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day come upon you suddenly as a snare.

Luke 21:35 For it will come in upon all those dwelling on the face of all the earth.

Luke 21:36 But be watchful at every time, beseeching that you would prevail to escape all these things which are about to happen and stand before the Son of Man.

Matt. 2:3 And when Herod the king heard this, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him.

## 7. “Come, Lord Jesus!”—this should be the longing, cry, and constant prayer of those who love the Lord and His appearing—Rev. 22:20; Titus 2:12-13.

Rev. 22:20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Titus 2:12 Training us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in the present age,

Titus 2:13 Awaiting the blessed hope, even the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

## B. To beat our fellow slaves is to mistreat fellow believers—cf. Acts 9:4:

Acts 9:4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?

## 1. We should not judge and condemn our fellow believers but be kind to them, tenderhearted, forgiving them even as God in Christ forgave us—Luke 6:37; Eph. 4:31-32.

Luke 6:37 And do not judge, and you shall by no means be judged; and do not condemn, and you shall by no means be condemned; release, and you will be released;

Eph. 4:31 Let all bitterness and anger and wrath and clamor and evil speaking be removed from you, with all malice.

Eph. 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave you.

## 2. We should not revile or criticize our brothers but consider them more excellent than ourselves—1 Cor. 6:10-11; Phil. 2:3, 29.

1 Cor. 6:10 Nor thieves nor the covetous, not drunkards, not revilers, not the rapacious will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Cor. 6:11 And these things were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Phil. 2:3 Doing nothing by way of selfish ambition nor by way of vainglory, but in lowliness of mind considering one another more excellent than yourselves;

腓 2:29 因此你們要在主裏歡歡喜喜的接待他，並且要尊重這樣的人，

3 我們不該作主轄管作我們同伴的信徒（如為他們作決定），乃要作奴僕服事他們，以那作為賜生命之靈的復活基督餵養他們—彼前五 3，太二十 25 ~ 28，參民十七 8。

彼前 5:3 也不是作主轄管所委託你們的產業，乃是作羣羊的榜樣。

太 20:25 於是耶穌叫了他們來，說，你們知道外邦人有君王為主治理他們，也有大臣操權管轄他們。

太 20:26 但你們中間不是這樣；反倒你們中間無論誰想要為大，就必作你們的僕役；

太 20:27 你們中間無論誰想要為首，就必作你們的奴僕。

太 20:28 正如人子來，不是要受人的服事，乃是要服事人，並且要捨命，作多人的贖價。

民 17:8 第二天，摩西進見證的會幕去；看哪，利未家亞倫的杖已經發了芽，甚至生了花苞，開了花，結了熟杏。

三和酒醉的人一同喫喝，乃是與沉醉在屬世事物裏的世人為伴：

1 因着信徒神聖的性情和聖別的地位，他們不該跟不信者同負一軛；這不只該應用在信徒與不信者之間的婚姻和事業上，也該應用在他們各種親密的關係上一—林後六 14，林前十五 33，參箴十三 20。

林後 6:14 你們跟不信的，不要不配的同負一軛，因為義和不法有甚麼合夥？光對黑暗有甚麼交通？

林前 15:33 你們不要受迷惑：濫交敗壞善行。

箴 13:20 與智慧人同行的，必得智慧；和愚昧人作伴的，必受虧損。

2 我們需要逃避青年人的私慾，同那清心呼求主的人，竭力追求包羅萬有的基督—提後二 22。

提後 2:22 你要逃避青年人的私慾，同那清心呼求主的人，竭力追求公義、信、愛、和平。

四在國度的實現裏，忠信又精明的奴僕要得着管理的權柄為賞賜；但惡僕要從榮耀的基督，和祂國度的榮耀，並祂國度中榮耀的同在被割斷—太二四 47，51：

太 24:47 我實在告訴你們，主人要派他管理一切的家業。

太 24:51 把他割斷，定他和假冒為善的人同受處分；在那裏必要哀哭切齒了。

Phil. 2:29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy, and hold such in honor,

3. We should not lord it over our fellow believers (such as making decisions for them) but serve them as a slave to feed them with the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit—1 Pet. 5:3; Matt. 20:25-28; cf. Num. 17:8.

1 Pet. 5:3 Nor as lording it over your allotments but by becoming patterns of the flock.

Matt. 20:25 But Jesus called them to Him and said, You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great exercise authority over them.

Matt. 20:26 It shall not be so among you; but whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant,

Matt. 20:27 And whoever wants to be first among you shall be your slave;

Matt. 20:28 Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Num. 17:8 And on the next day Moses went into the Tent of the Testimony, and there was the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi: it had budded; it even put forth buds and produced blossoms and bore ripe almonds.

C. To eat and drink with the drunken is to keep company with worldly people, who are drunk with worldly things:

1. Because of their divine nature and holy standing, the believers should not be yoked together with the unbelievers; this should be applied to all intimate relationships between believers and unbelievers, not only to marriage and business—2 Cor. 6:14; 1 Cor. 15:33; cf. Prov. 13:20.

2 Cor. 6:14 Do not become dissimilarly yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership do righteousness and lawlessness have? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?

1 Cor. 15:33 Do not be deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals.

Prov. 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, / But the companion of fools will be troubled.

2. We need to flee youthful lusts and pursue the all-inclusive Christ with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart—2 Tim. 2:22.

2 Tim. 2:22 But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

D. The faithful and prudent slave will be rewarded with the authority to rule in the manifestation of the kingdom, whereas the evil slave will be cut off from the glorious Christ, from the glory of His kingdom, and from His glorious presence in His kingdom—Matt. 24:47, 51:

Matt. 24:47 Truly I say to you that he will set him over all his possessions.

Matt. 24:51 And will cut him asunder and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

1 從國度的實現被割斷，乃是被扔在外面的黑暗裏，在那裏哀哭切齒：

a 外面的黑暗是指在國度實現裏的光明榮耀以外的黑暗—十六 28，二五 30。

太 16:28 我實在告訴你們，站在這裏的，有人還沒有嘗到死味，必看見人子在祂的國裏來臨。

太 25:30 把這無用的奴僕，扔在外面黑暗裏，在那裏必要哀哭切齒了。

b 哀哭指明懊悔，切齒指明自責。

2 在千年國裏與基督一同轄管列國，乃是給祂忠信又精明之奴僕的獎賞—啓二 26，路十九 17 ~ 19。

啓 2:26 得勝的，又守住我的工作到底的，我要賜給他權柄制伏列國；

路 19:17 主人說，好，良善的奴僕，你在最小的事上既是忠信的，可以有權柄管十座城。

路 19:18 第二個來說，主阿，你的一錠銀子已經賺了五錠。

路 19:19 主人說，你也可以管五座城。

1. To be cut off from the manifestation of the kingdom is to be cast into the outer darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth:

a. The outer darkness is the darkness outside the bright glory in the manifestation of the kingdom—16:28; 25:30.

Matt. 16:28 Truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

Matt. 25:30 And cast out the useless slave into the outer darkness. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

b. Weeping indicates regret, and gnashing of teeth indicates self blame.

2. To reign with Christ over the nations in the millennial kingdom will be a prize to His faithful and prudent slaves—Rev. 2:26; Luke 19:17-19.

Rev. 2:26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;

Luke 19:17 And he said to him, Well done, good slave. Because you have become faithful in the least, have authority over ten cities.

Luke 19:18 And the second came, saying, Your mina, master, has made five minas.

Luke 19:19 And he said to this one as well, And you, be over five cities.