

# Expecting the Unexpected

## Matthew 24:40-51

Let us consider this settled: that no one who has made progress in the school of Christ who does not joyfully await the day of death and final resurrection

-John Calvin

### I. Wakeful & Watching

## II. Wisdom & Wickedness

### **Into the Bible:**

1. Although verses 40-41 are often used in reference to a ‘rapture’ event, the context likely better supports the immanence of judgment that people are unprepared for. Christ’s return will this time be characterized by judgment. What is *our* responsibility limited to in this event? (verse 42, I Corinthians 16:13, Colossians 4:2)

2. Faithful service seems to be the point of Jesus’ parable of the master and slaves. Given the punishment meted out to the wicked servants in verse 51, who are they representative of? (verses 10-11, I John 2:19)

**Application:**

3. Since the signs of His coming are pretty striking, the fact that many remain unprepared may partially be accounted for by the longer than expected wait for these events. Given Peter's impatient character it is striking that it is he that gives us the reason for the wait and advice about how to wait. How and why should we wait? (II Peter 3:9-13)

**For Families:**

4. Talk with your children about how to remain patient with God's timing.