

Sunday School Lesson

ALL CLASSES

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New Year's Prayer Watch Service 2025

WATCH AND PRAY

Scripture Reading before Invocational Prayer: Philippians 3:7-14 (Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after and press toward the mark.)

Scripture Lesson: Luke 21:34-36 Watch ye therefore and pray always

Subject: WATCHING AND PRAYING ARE COMMANDS; AND A CAUTION AGAINST SECURITY AND AGAINST "SENSESUAL" LUST AND PRIDE.

Text: Matthew 24:42-51 Watch therefore with diligence.

Introduction: Matthew 26:33-41 What, could you not watch with me one hour?

Lesson Outline

- 1. Matthew 25:6-13 Watch therefore for ye know not the day or hour.
- 2. Mark 13:33-37 Take ye heed, watch and pray.
- 3. Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence (above all keeping or watching)
- 4. Ephesians 6:18 Praying always and watching with all perseverance.
- 5. Luke 12:35-48 All faithful servants must watch and pray with diligence always.
- 6. Revelation 3:1-3 The Church in Saris; be watchful hold fast and repent.
- 7. Revelation 3:10-11 The Church in Philadelphia; hold fast that no man take thy crown.
- 8. Revelation 3:17-17 The Church in Laodiceans; felt secure but was not.
- 9. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-9 Therefore let us not sleep but watch and be sober. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Colossians 3: 1 - 4 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God, When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Scripture Reference: Luke 21:34

Two things to take heed to: (1) your hearts being overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness. (indulging in our carnal appetites and an inordinate use of meat and drink)

(2) and the cares of this life. (inordinate pursuit of the things of this world)

These two dulls the conscience and cause the mind to be detached from spiritual things.

: To make someone unable to think clearly or to be in a state of little ability to respond to spiritual things. (1 Corinthians 2:14 the natural man received not the things of the Spirit).

To overcome someone with strong worldly emotions. (1 John 2:15-17)

Drugged; groggy, distracted so much that they can't think straight. (Matthew 4:10)

Astonished or lead away. (James 2:14 drawn away of his own lust)

Bewildered, amazed over charged. (2 Corinthians 4:7-9)

Unable to be attentive often because of being extremely tired or bored.

Confounded, mind-blowing, (Romans 12:1-2)

Obsession, (1 Timothy 6:17) charge them that are "rich" in this world.

Enticed, (Proverbs 1:10)

Carelessness... (Ephesians 5:14-18)

<u>Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he</u> <u>may devour:</u> Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5:8-11)