

WILL JESUS FIND US WATCHING?

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: **Luke 12:37**.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Tonight, we will examine a song that addresses the day of Judgment – *When Jesus Comes*.
2. It was written by Fanny J. Crosby and put to music by William Howard Doane.
 - 1) At the age of 6 months, she became blind.
 - 2) She wrote some 8,000 songs.
3. Singing is to “teach and admonish one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs” (**Col. 3:16**).

I. VS. 1 - ARE WE WATCHING?

A. *When Jesus comes to reward His servants... (He **IS** returning **John 14:3**). **Rev. 1:7** “Behold, He is coming with clouds...” **Matt. 16:27** when the Son of Man comes, He will reward each according to his works.*

B. *Whether it be noon or night... a reminder that we do not know WHEN He will return. **2 Pet. 3:10, 1 Thess. 5:2**.*

1. This song mentions various times of the day.
2. The point being, we do not know the day nor the hour when He will return (**Matt. 24:36**).

C. *Faithful to Him will He find us watching, with our lamps all trimmed and bright?*

1. **Matt. 25:1-13**, the parable of the wise and foolish virgins.
2. **Vs. 13** - Jesus reminds us to watch (be prepared) for His coming.

II. VS. 2 – WE WILL ANSWER FOR OURSELVES.

A. *If at the dawn or the early morning, He shall call us one by one.*

1. At judgment, we will each be called upon to answer for ourselves (**2 Cor. 5:10**).
2. Judged individually (**John 5:28-29**).

B. *When to the Lord we restore our talents, will He answer thee, “Well done”?*

1. This is a reference to the parable of the talents (**Matt. 25:14-30**).
2. A parable in which Jesus describes how we all have abilities, and we will be judged by how we manage what we have been entrusted with.
3. We are not asked to do more than we have the ability to do.

III. VS. 3 – ARE WE TRUE TO HIM? DOING OUR BEST?

A. *Have we been true to the trust He left us? The idea of being true is to be genuine or unhypocritical.*

1. We are to be as good stewards of the manifold grace of God (**1 Peter 4:10**).
2. Paul described his work as “approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel...” (**1 Thess. 2:4**).
3. God expects us to be faithful and use our talents wisely.

B. *Do we seek to do our best? God always demands the best of us. He doesn’t want second place, or half-hearted effort.*

1. We must present ourselves approved unto God (**2 Tim. 2:15**).
2. “... make our calling and election sure” (**2 Peter 1:10**).
3. “Let us therefore be diligent to enter into that rest...” (**Hebrews 4:11**).

C. *If in our hearts, there is naught condemns us, we shall have a glorious rest.*

1. When we stand before Him, we must have been faithful (**Revelation 2:10**).
2. Be found walking in the light as He is in the light... (**1 John 1:7**).
3. Always obtaining forgiveness when we do sin (**1 John 1:9**).
4. Eternal rest awaits the faithful (**2 Thess. 1:7**).

IV. VS. 4 – IN HIS GLORY WE SHALL SHARE.

A. *Blessed are those whom the Lord finds watching and praying* (**2 Tim. 4:8; 1 Peter 4:7**).

B. *In His glory they shall share...* our ultimate goal is to spend eternity in heaven with Him (**1 Thess. 4:17-18**).

C. *If He shall come at the dawn or midnight, will He find us watching there* (**1 Thess. 5:6-7**). Be prepared ALL the time.

V. CHORUS – O CAN WE SAY WE ARE READY?

**A. O can we say we are ready, brother? Ready for the soul's bright home?
Say will He find you and me still watching, Waiting, waiting when the
Lord shall come?**

B. This song is one that exhorts the Christian to remain faithful.

1. It should the erring to return to God.
2. And the unbelieve to change his status by obeying the gospel.

C. What about you? Are you ready for the Lord to return?