

# Matthew 24:46

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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### **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing**

—The Greek makarios (μακάριος) means supremely blessed, happy, fortunate. This blessing depends entirely on being found poiōn (ποιῶν = doing/practicing) at the moment of the master's return. Not merely having done in the past, but actively engaged in faithful service when Christ appears.

The emphasis falls on heurēsei (εὑρήσει = shall find)—what will Christ discover when He returns? A servant on task or on vacation? Feeding the household or feeding himself? The Lord's coming tests character: are we faithful because we love the master, or only when supervised? The blessing isn't earning salvation, but the approval and reward of hearing 'well done, good and faithful servant' (Matthew 25:21).

## Historical Context

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Ancient masters often traveled for extended periods, leaving estates in stewards' hands. The return could be sudden and unannounced—precisely Jesus's point. The early church expected Christ's imminent return, motivating vigilant service. As centuries passed, the test intensified: can we maintain watchfulness across millennia? The 'blessed' servant is the one still faithfully serving in generation 70 of the master's absence.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. If Christ returned today, what 'doing' would He find you engaged in— faithfulness or self-indulgence?
2. How do you maintain motivation to serve faithfully when the Master's return has been 'delayed' 2,000 years?
3. What rewards and commendation from Christ are you hoping to receive when He finds you at work?

## Interlinear Text

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μακάριος	ό	δοῦλος	ἐκεῖνος	ὅν	ἐλθὼν	ό
Blessed	G3588	servant	is that	whom	when he cometh	G3588
G3107		G1401	G1565	G3739	G2064	

κύριος	αὐτοῦ	εὑρήσει	ποιοῦντα	οὕτως	
lord	his	shall find	doing	so	
G2962	G846	G2147	G4160	G3779	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Revelation 16:15** (Blessing): Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

**Luke 12:43** (Blessing): Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

**Luke 12:37** (Blessing): Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

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