A Sermon Outline By ELZA LAMB

WILL YOU BE FOUND WATCHING?

Luke 12:37 37-40 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.

We find ourselves at the dawn of the new year, .... reflecting on the past year

Thinking about what the new year holds -- new opportunities, new responsibilities, new and exciting happenings in our families.

Even though the new year has come, we still have an OLD, OLD STORY that still needs to be told - that Jesus Christ came to save lost sinners!

Unfortunately, too many passively watch from the pews or sidelines rather than being active and diligent in their watch - BIG DIFFERENCE

I. WATCHING FOR THE SOULS OF THE SINNER.

(a). This Was Our Lord’s Only Purpose.

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of man is come to SEEK AND TO SAVE that.....”

(b). This Should Be The Church’s Only Purpose.

Acts 20:31 Therefore WATCH, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to WARN EVERY ONE NIGHT AND DAY WITH TEARS.

1Thes 5:6 Therefore let us NOT SLEEP, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

II. WATCHING FOR THE STUMBLING OF THE SAINTS

1 Pet 2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which STUMBLE AT THE WORD, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

1 Jn 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is NONE OCCASION OF STUMBLING in him.

(“Almost every “stumbling” is because of a LOVE problem”)

(a). Definitely will happen - Never say Never
III. WATCHING FOR THE SEASON OF SERVICE

Luke 12:37 BLESSED are those SERVANTS, whom the lord when he cometh shall find WATCHING: ....”

John 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my SERVANT BE: if any man SERVE ME, him will my Father honor.

(a). We Are Not To Serve Sin.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that OUR OLD MAN IS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth WE SHOULD NOT SERVE SIN.

(b). We Are To Serve In The Spirit.

Rom 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should SERVE IN NEWNESS OF SPIRIT, and not in the oldness of the letter.

(c). We Are To Serve The Saints.

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER.

(d). We Are To Serve The Saviour.

Col 3:24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: FOR YE SERVE THE LORD CHRIST.

Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and HIS SERVANTS SHALL SERVE HIM:

IV. WATCHING FOR THE SUDDEN SOUND OF THE SHOUT

1Thes 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

(b). Sure Coming - v. 16 “shall descend”; no ifs, ends or buts about this one!

(c). Sudden Coming - v. 16 “with a shout”; 1 Cor. 15:52 twinkling of an eye”
(d). Sad Coming for some - only those who are alive (saved) in Christ can experience the rapture of the church - those who are dead in sin will only experience grief and regret

(e). Skeptical Coming for many - so many Bible-believing Christians have fallen into the trap of thinking that, “he hasn’t come by now, he is not coming at all” - and they live to satisfy their own desires, just like any other person of the world

What are you watching for This New Year?