

Celebrating Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019

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Lk 12:35-38

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Are you ready?

I visited my own maternal uncle the other day in the Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum. He is suffering from a form of terminal cancer. When I asked him how he feels these days the reply was not to the question. "I am ready", he said "Ready to go". I could not continue the conversation though he was comfortable to explain to me the reality of life and also the stage after that.

He continued, "God has given me enough time to get ready, almost two years now and the doctors did not expect more than a couple of weeks when they met me for the first time."

Are you ready? This is one question we hear often from the teachers, elders, coaches etc to their students, wards and the like.

Here in today's reading Jesus tells us, "blessed are the servants whom the master finds wide awake when he makes an untimely appearance."

The warnings given here are related to the preceding sessions on treasures - earthly and heavenly. Jesus develops the parable of the servant expecting His Master's return. This servant is here contrasted with those rich who are only concerned with a long and comfortable life. The servant works for God. Blessed are those servants whom the Master finds wide-awake. Wide-awake that is concern about tomorrow's world. Wide-awake also means being aware of the truth. The son of man will come at an hour you do not expect. Jesus tells us about the master returning from the wedding, who is so happy that he reverses the usual social order and begins to serve His servant. God himself will play host to His faithful servants and Jesus at the last supper demonstrated this.

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