

Kälviän Evankeliumijuhla 2010
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INTRODUCTION:

Dear beloved in our Lord Savior Jesus Christ,

We have been requested by our Lord Jesus Christ to watch over his field whether we are a Sunday school child, youth or an elderly person, we are all invited to watch and work. It is like a story of a rich farmer who employed two persons to harvest and watch over his field. He took them for harvesting, one harvested the best crop (seed), the other harvested the rotten (seeds) crop. And these were what they got as their wages.

THEME: v37 WHAT I SAY TO YOU I SAY TO EVERY ONE; "WATCH"

To watch means doing things practically, to make a person alert on serious happenings. Jesus told His disciples to watch for "the dangerous hour" which was to come and to dress up unlike John Mark who run away naked with his linen cloth on his shoulders from the garden of Gethsemane. People are employed to watch shops, markets, banks and are called security guards and in Zambia they are called watchmen. One day in my home town a watchman was wrapt in a 90 kg sack by thieves because he was found sleeping.

We can also do in the same way as it is written in Luke 21: 34. There is a warning that we should be careful with our hearts so that they will not be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and anxieties of life. The last day would otherwise close on us unexpectedly like a trap.

Very often we get tired easily, we don't want to watch any more, we say we can work our own salvation and work our own good life here on earth. Paul instead has said, "for me to live is Christ, to die is gain". God gave free salvation when his Son died on the cross for us. It is Christ who has accomplished our heavenly destination. Christ has all our best needs.

THE JEWS HAD FOUR WATCHES

9.00 pm, 9.00 midnight, 3.00 am and 6.00 am they had to observe these watch hours so that everything would happen in time. If we look on Gods time alone, the uncertain is locked in the counsels of the Father so that even the Son, in His incarnation does not share the secret. The absolute use of the Son is specially significant. He, the Son is the parable's master, who helps to define vigilance not by leaving his duties, but by faithful doing of them.

CONCLUSION:

Our duty -when we wait for the master to come one day- is to examine our works (1 Corinthians 3:13-15 and 2 Corinthians 5:10) and to use our time by winning others for Christ. As Lutherans we say and answer to the third command: "We should fear and love God and we should not despise His word and the preaching of the same, but deem it Holy and gladly hear and learn it. Amen"