

Are You Sleeping Mt 25:13/ Rom 13:11

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Watch Mt 24:36, 42-44/ Mk 13:32-37 1 Thes 5:2-4 Rev 16:15

5 Wise and 5 foolish: All: sleeping:

- While God's plan unfolds
- Neglected duty

Instructions to those sleeping: Rom 13:11

- Exciting Times To Be Living
- Middle east "unraveling"

Jesus' instructions and warnings Rev 16:15, Lk 21:34 and Mt24:4

- Watch is active not passive
- Looking, listening, and **watching** what is going on, not waiting for it

Caught Sleeping: Mt 26:40

- And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep
- Could ye not watch with me one hour

Peter lesson learned the hard way, shares his wisdom and a reminder:

- Be sober, **be vigilant**
- Failure to watch brings defeat to the Hessian mercenaries in winter of 1776

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, Lk 21:36

- Jesus teaches us **that part of watching is devoting ourselves to prayer** for
- Peter connects watchfulness, prayer, and return of Christ I Pt 4:7

A command/warning: Mt 24: 42-51 Therefore **be ye also ready:**

- Command to each of us: "What I say to you I say to all: *watch.*"