

The reward for serving God faithfully. Tuesday of 29th Week October 20th, 2020. (Eph 2:12-22, Luke 12:35-38)

Brothers and sisters, each one of us has been entrusted with some specific work to do and God expects us to responsibly carry out this work. Whether as a housewife, teacher, doctor, lawyer, priest, religious, deacon etc., if we faithfully carry out our mission, we will reap the reward when Jesus returns in glory. Normally when the master comes home, it is the servant who waits on the master. According to today's gospel from Luke, the reward for faithful service will be change of roles between the servant and the master.

Luke says when the master comes and finds us ready and working diligently, "he will put on an apron and have them sit at table and he will wait on them." This brings to mind John 13:5 where Jesus poured water in a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and wiped them with a towel. Jesus wants to serve us and his act of service will be the reward for those who faithfully carry out their duties. Paul says in the 2nd reading, "You are strangers and aliens no longer. You are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the God's household."

The Lord also wants us to render faithful service to each other in God's household and be prepared to open the door when he comes knocking. In this way Revelation 3:20 makes sense to us, "behold I stand at the door and knocks." We need to always open the doors of our lives to Jesus who comes knocking every day. Jesus wants to be our servant, let us therefore give Him access into our lives to serve us.

Amen

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