

A Dangerous Place

“But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male and the female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.” – Luke 12:45-46

Did you know that church can be a dangerous place? It can be dangerous if you come to worship with a chip on your shoulder and a hardened heart full of bitterness and criticism, because the same sun that softens the wax hardens the clay. And that is where worship can be dangerous.

But if you come to worship with a heart that is open to God, with a desire to worship and to pray and to hear God’s Word and apply it, if you come to worship and want to be a part of the body of Christ and want to serve the Lord, then worship will be an oasis for you. It will be a place of refreshment. It will be a place of blessing.

Jesus told the story of the unfaithful servant and the faithful servant who were put in charge while their master was away. Speaking of the unfaithful servant, Jesus said, “But what if the servant thinks, ‘My master won’t be back for a while,’ and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk? The master will return unannounced and unexpected, and he will cut the servant in pieces and banish him with the unfaithful” (Luke 12:45-46).

Does the idea of Christ’s return fill your heart with anticipation, excitement, and joy? If so, it would indicate to me that you are walking with Christ. On the other hand, does talk of His imminent return fill your heart with anxiety, fear, and dread? If that is the case, then it would indicate to me that something is not right with you spiritually.

Like the unfaithful servant in Jesus’ story, there are people in the church today who appear to be right with God but are not – and they are in a dangerous place.

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