

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps  
and be like servants  
who await their master’s return from a wedding,  
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you,  
he will gird himself,  
have them recline at table,  
and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch  
and find them prepared in this way,  
blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

If the master of the house had known  
the hour when the thief was coming,  
he would not have let this house be broken into.

You also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
The Son of Man will come.”

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**