

## **The Watch of Prayer**

**Text: Colossians 4:2**

### **Introduction**

In the Bible “watching” and “praying” are often linked together—and little wonder, for vigilance alerts to a need, and the need sounds the signal to pray.

#### **1. Reasons for relating watching with prayer.**

- a. Stresses of the times in which we live (1 Peter 4:7; 2 Timothy 3:1).
- b. Uncertainty of the hour when Christ shall return (Mark 13:33–36; 1 Thessalonians 5:6).
- c. Fleshly weaknesses of natural man (Matthew 26:41).
- d. Pressures of human existence (Luke 21:34).
- e. Vicious character and attacks of Satan (1 Peter 5:8).

#### **2. Manner of watching and praying.**

- a. With perseverance (Ephesians 6:18).
- b. With thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2).
- c. With “soberness” (1 Peter 4:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:6).
- d. Without stopping (Luke 21:36).

#### **3. Results of watching and praying.**

- a. Readiness for His coming (Matthew 24:42).
- b. Ability to resist temptation (Matthew 26:41).
- c. Escape from God’s judgments upon the earth (Luke 21:36).
- d. Ability to “stand before” the Savior in the judgment (Luke 21:36).

### **Conclusion**

If we combine watching with prayer, we reap blessed rewards both in this life and the life to come.

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