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## Luke 21

### The Poor Widow's Offering

[\(Mark 12:41-44\)](#)

**1And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. 2And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. 3And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: 4For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.**

It goes without saying that these 2 mites are of little monetary value; Strong's Concordance

Phonetic Spelling: (lep-ton')

Definition: peeled, fine, thin, small, light

Usage: a small piece of money, probably the smallest piece of money.

God's economy as we have learned is not based on monetary value it is based solely on the heart condition. Believe it or not God knows how much money we have, He knows how we got it and He knows how we spend it, AND He does not need our money. He has given us an opportunity to bless others through our resources including the money He has blessed us with.

It is said that you can tell where a person's heart is by looking at their check book. Check books are kind of a thing of the past, so we'd have to look at the debit and credit card purchase and still see where the heart is.

***Matthew 6: [1](#)Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.***

***[2](#)Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. [3](#)But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: [4](#)That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.***

The story of the widow's mites reflects this Kingdom economy, a little if that all you have is a fortune in the Kingdom.

## **Temple Destruction Foretold**

**[\(Matthew 24:1-4; Mark 13:1-9\)](#)**

**[5](#)And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, [6](#)As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**

These short two sentences begin the voyage of understanding the future both the disciple's future and ours. This prophesy of the

destruction of the Temple was but one sign of the coming end times for the Disciples as well as for us.

As for the Disciples this prophesy was but a generation of years away, about 40 years to be more precise. But that was not all that Jesus addresses here, He goes beyond the near future that the Disciples were inquiring about and looks several thousand years into the future.

**7And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign *will there be* when these things shall come to pass? 8And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.**

The first caution is that many will come in Jesus' name. There are some verses that allude to men who claim to be of some authority but not outwardly claiming to be the Messiah at least in the Bible.

***Acts 5: 36For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. 37After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. 38And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: 39But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.***

The real point was not the near future for the Disciples but the long-range future for the world and the Church. There have been many men claiming to be the Messiah. With each failed attempt the world became more antagonistic toward Christianity and any claims of the reality of a Messiah. The world is falling farther and farther into the abyss and is seeking answers in all the wrong places.

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**9But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end *is* not by and by.**

Since this was written there have been hundreds and thousands of wars; not world wars as they are called there has only been 2 world wars, but we don't have a good definition of what a world war really is. There have been many wars and conflicts in which the superpowers of the world take sides and are in conflict with each other but through proxy wars. What we can take from this verse is Jesus telling us not to be "terrified". The reason Christians are not to be terrified is that we are to put our trust in Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit and in Them alone when it comes to walking out our lives in this world. God tells us He did not give us a spirit of fear;

***2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.***

Either God is going to protect us from all the things that evil in this world has to throw at us or He is not. We are not assured of protection on everything we encounter; by protection I mean a guaranteed long life. Our free will has a lot to do with how long we live, what we do to carry out God's mission for us requires we use Wisdom we get from Him. If we chose to ignore Wisdom from God in how to walk out our lives, then our lives may get shortened from what we want. Just because we want to engage in high risk behavior does not require that God intervene on our part. For a Christian though, to die is to be reunited with Jesus in heaven. For the non-believer death is the greatest tragedy in their existence.

Jesus continues of the things that will come to the earth and it's inhabitants as we draw closer to His return.

### **Witnessing to All Nations**

**[\(Matthew 24:9-14; Mark 13:10-13\)](#)**

Before we get to deeply into this let's try to draw some boundaries so we can assess who is Jesus talking about and what time frame is He referring to?

**Q.** First, who is Jesus talking to?

We have to go back to verse 5 where it says that “some were asking”; these some are not identified specifically but it was undoubtedly some of His Disciples and may include some of the troop that followed after Him. But it was definitely those close to Jesus that were speaking and He was responding to.

In verse 7 we see;

***“7And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?”***

The “some” are now referred to as “they”; and they asked Him....

So, the people Jesus was speaking to specifically were His disciples and others that were following Him, so the things He told them they would encounter were quite specific.

**10Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: 11And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.**

**Q.** Were these specific things that His disciples would see and experience?

Perhaps they were but it is likely that verses 10 and 11 look farther into the future than the Disciples lives for a simple reason and that is pointed out in the next few verses.

**12But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.**

This is more specific to the Disciples that they will be persecuted, by their own people and their own people will use the Roman government to inflict prison sentences on them. That was very specific to the Disciples and early Church teachers. The reason for their abuse and incarceration would be very simple; it was for Jesus' name sake. It was because they taught about Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**13And it shall turn to you for a testimony.**

The very persecution that they would endure would become their own testimony about their Love and Faith in Jesus Christ. It would be the measure by which other Christians could weigh their lives against; what was required, what was feasible and what was possible if you walked out your life as Christ command us to.

This is not talking about Salvation; Salvation would be taken care of at the Cross; this was talking about obedience to Christ's Commandments that His disciples of that day and for today should walk out. It was there testimony and it is our testimony. We have not endured the type of persecution here in America that they endured but there is a time coming when those who call on

the Name of Jesus will endure that persecution here in America. However, there are brothers and sisters of our right this very minute that are enduring those persecutions all around the world.

**14Settle *it* therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:**

This is sound wisdom for the warrior; resolve in your heart before the battle starts that you won't shrink from your mission, regardless of the foe that you face. Stay strong in the Lord;

***Phillipians 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.***

***Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;***

Resolve in your hearts that you will not retreat in the face of danger as it relates to sharing the Gospel; We know that Jesus did not welcome what was to come to Him, but He was resolved in carrying out His Mission; to save mankind. He carried out His Mission so that all men might be saved; that none should perish! The only thing standing between all mankind and the free gift of Salvation is our own free will.

**15For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.**

A Commanding General will not send out his troops with out ample supplies, to carry out a mission; and Jesus did not send us out without first equipping us for the Mission at hand.

So, here is your mission if you chose to accept it; not only your mission but your battle array as well.

***Ephesians 6: [10](#)Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [11](#)Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12](#)For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. [13](#)Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. [14](#)Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [15](#)And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16](#)Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. [17](#)And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:***

#### ***Pray Continually***

***[18](#)Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; [19](#)And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, [20](#)For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.***

Jesus then goes on to declare some other things that will happen to His disciples of that age, but He alludes to yet a later time in

the next few verses that would not come for centuries from the day He spoke these words. You will know that based on the term; “times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”

Jesus mixes together both near and distant times when He answers His disciples’ questions.

**16And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and *some* of you shall they cause to be put to death.**

This breaking of families due to some walking with Christ and others rejecting it has been seen over the two thousand years since the Cross. Satan has poisoned the hearts of many and those many take the position that we Christians have been brain washed by this nonsense. If they are right what has the world lost that men and women would love other people with Christ’s Love, Mercy and Grace? If we are right, then how tragic an end will those who hate Christ suffer?

**17And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake.**

As the Gospel spread with its invitation of Salvation; many both Jew and Gentile hated those who spread it. It is likely the same reason people hate the Word today; it calls for accountability.

***Acts 28: 22But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.***

This verse from Acts was when Paul asked to speak to the Roman's about Christ. Even though they were willing to listen to Paul, the Roman's explain that everyone they had heard from thus far had spoken against Christianity; they used the term "sect".

**18But there shall not an hair of your head perish.**

The point Jesus is making here is that you cannot be taken from Him. Nothing about you will perish, before the time that Jesus already knows you will die. And when you die, nothing can keep you from Him; you are sealed by the Blood of the Lamb.

**19In your patience possess ye your souls.**

This verse goes back to vs 14:

**14Settle *it* therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:**

The athlete, the warrior those who are about to face an extreme challenge all have one thing in common; their commitment to see it through, to not quite regardless of the obstacles. That is what Jesus means when He says; "in your patience possess ye your souls". Commit without reservation, knowing that you are saved, and nothing can separate you from Jesus.

Jesus now goes back to the near future; things that the disciples who are with Him will see. He starts with Jerusalem and tells them

of the coming destruction by the Romans. But there is an added fulfillment; one that reaches into the end times, at least 2 thousand years into the future.

It was due to this warning that Christians in Palestine fled before Jerusalem had been sealed off by Titus, the son of Emperor Vespasian of Rome. When all the signs that Jesus had spoken of these Christians fled to the mountains of what is now Jordan and were not among the estimated 1,100,000 Jews killed by the Romans when they razed Jerusalem.

### **The Destruction of Jerusalem**

**[\(Matthew 24:15-25; Mark 13:14-23\)](#)**

**[20](#)And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. [21](#)Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.**

This warning was for the disciples and those alive in AD 70. Those who did not believe and stayed in and around Jerusalem were slaughtered; over a million.

**[22](#)For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. [23](#)But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and**

**wrath upon this people. [24](#)And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**

The last part of vs 24 takes us to a different age than that of 70AD. It takes us to the times described in Revelation when God's vengeance is poured out on all mankind. It alludes to the Tribulation period of Revelation when the Gentiles were still over Jerusalem. Jesus alludes to this coming age of when the dominance of the Gentiles over Jerusalem comes to an end. It is synchronized with the return of Jesus. This is after what we believe to be the Rapture. The Bible talks about Jesus' return; where He actually stands on earth. Jesus does not stand on the earth at the Rapture, He meets His Bride the Church in the air. When Jesus stands again on the earth, the earth changes at His direction.

### **The Return of the Son of Man**

**[\(Matthew 24:26-31; Mark 13:24-27\)](#)**

**[25](#)And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;**

There are people and organizations that have literally spent a lifetime or at least half a lifetime studying the eclipses, blood moon, Tetrads etc. None of them have been correct in

determining specific events in the future. They are almost always hindsight; looking at the past and assigning significance to events based on what happened some time ago. Bottom line is that “no one knows the day or the hour”.

*Matthew 24: [32](#)Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: [33](#)So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. [34](#)Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. [35](#)Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. [36](#)But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. [37](#)But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [38](#)For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, [39](#)And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

**[26](#)Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.**

Men’s hearts failing; refers to heart failure heart attacks brought about by fear; but fear of what?

The verse tells us that these men that die of heart attacks at this time are afraid of, “those things which are coming on the earth”. It does not tell us here specifically what things they are we would have to go to other verses.

During my search of what powers Satan has I ran across a site that is called; <http://maitreya.org/english/INDEX.HTM>

It is a bazaar site that reeks of Satanic ideals. The basis of the organization is that all religions are complimentary. It is hard to fathom the ideal of “complimentary” when Islam declares that it needs to kill all Jews and Christians. Hmm.

Back to the “powers of heaven shall be shaken”. One possible explanation is the war that takes place apparently at about the midpoint of Tribulation.

Next in Revelation 12 we see a vague timeline; perhaps more clearly understood in a Spiritual sense but non-the-less these occurrences are signs God has told us would occur in the heavens.

### ***The Woman, Israel***

***1A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; 2and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.***

When we studied Revelation before it became clear that this was the creation of the nation of Israel through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Jacob having 12 sons that were the beginnings of the 12 tribes of Israel. There have been astronomers and seekers that

have tried to tie specific heavenly alignments with each event on earth. I won't say that they are incorrect I'll simply say that I am incapable at this point of following the logic they present.

### ***The Red Dragon, Satan***

***3Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. 4And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.***

The number seven indicates completeness and ten complete power. The ten heads signify complete power and the 7 diadems signify the completeness of the time this will occur.

One would wonder why Satan would be considered complete with complete power. This completeness is not a term only associated with God as we have all come to understand. Completeness in this context simply means that the time is fulfilled that Satan would exhibit the complete power over the earth that he was granted at the fall of man. That long-awaited time is full or complete in this context.

In this timeline which again is vague Satan is not yet but about to be cast out of heaven; he is angry, the Church has been raptured and is out of his reach but there are those left that will feel his

wrath and anger. Accompanying this fullness of time or completeness of Satan, he will now exercise his complete power on earth as he takes out his anger against Israel and the Christian's who remain on earth.

### ***The Male Child, Christ***

***5And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. 6Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.***

We regress here momentarily to the time of Christ on earth and His ministry to begin His Church, the creation of His Bride. It also alludes to all those who would come to the saving knowledge of Jesus during this Tribulation including many of Israel. They would be protected by God for 3 ½ years. To calculate that you need to use the Jewish calculation of 360-day year not the Gregorian calendar of 365.

We are now chronologically at the mid-point in Tribulation and God has determined to expel Satan from heaven for ever. Satan knew this time was coming but he did not know when. He is outraged by God executing His power over heaven and casting Satan down to the earth. Satan will then lash out at anyone and

anything that reminds him of Elohim, the Old Testament name for the One and Only God.

### *The Angel, Michael*

***7***And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, ***8***and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. ***9***And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ***10***Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. ***11***“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. ***12***“For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.”

***13***And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. ***14***But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a ***time and times and half a time***, from the presence of the serpent.

This “time and times and half a time” has been interpreted as 3 ½ years of time or 1260 days calculated by the Jewish Calendar.

**15And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. 16But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. 17So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.**

Let's refer back to Luke 21:26

**26Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.**

We can see the unprecedented events that will occur in heaven and on earth and those events when observed and realized by men on earth it will literally cause some to die of heart attacks.

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**27And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**

Jesus explains to His Disciples a very vague itinerary of His return covering thousands of years in the past from creation of Israel to His return to Israel. Vague in the sense that it covers so much time and has only a few road marks to determine when events occur.

Jesus in the next few verses compares a physical occurrence to a Spiritual future event that has massive physical impacts on earth; the budding of a fig tree to describe an event that has yet to occur; but there are signs when it is about to occur.

**29And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; 30When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. 31So likewise ye, when ye see **these things come to pass**, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.**

The term “these things” refers back to the previous verses concerning the events in the heavens and things that will happen on earth. Jesus is telling the Disciples and us that when we see these signs just like the budding of a tree that we will know roughly where we are at on this linear timeline He has laid out. Not precisely, but we are told by Christ that we can know the season. There are 4 seasons generally; and Jesus speaks specifically of one season; summer. The other three are of course Winter, Spring and Fall. Jesus says; “that day and hour knoweth no man”...

The obvious conclusion is that we can know the season by observing the events on earth as well as the events in heavens above the earth.

***Matthew 24:36 [36](#)But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.***

Some of “these things” are delineated in vs 25 of Luke 21

***[25](#)And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;***

Remember this is talking about the return of Jesus to earth not the Rapture. The things that Jesus said would appear are not parables but stated a actual occurring events in nature.

***[32](#)Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. [33](#)Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.***

The generation Jesus was speaking of would certainly see the fall of Jerusalem; it was only about 40 years away from when He spoke these words. There are other events that He spoke of that were thousands of years away. God can do away with the earth and heaven if He so chooses but I think it is a euphemism that Jesus is speaking here. He is indicating that all things are potentially temporary except His Word. It will endure all time and all things as it is TRUTH; it does not change.

## **Be Watchful**

**34And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.**

This verse is spoken to the disciples and to us. Jesus starts out by cautioning all of us to not be “broken hearted” which, is what is meant by “hearts be overcharged.” The reason for this broken heartedness is due to a headache caused by drunkenness in other words a hangover from consuming too much alcohol. This is compounded or even perhaps the catalyst to drink is to dull the overwhelming cares of this life.

A couple of points I think require comment. First there have been many pastors and teachers over the years that I have heard teach that the wine of that day would not cause inebriation. That is simply not accurate, I believe there is ample examples of drunkenness in the day of our Lord. Jesus was never drunk, and we only have one occurrence when He even speaks to drinking wine and that is at the last supper, even though He does not drink the wine as it is described by Him as an emblem, a type of His Blood. Neither does it tell us He ate of the bread as He gave it also as an emblem a type of His Body. It is not, never has been

and never will be His real Blood or His real Body, that is a thought creation of man not of God.

The second point is that Jesus obviously knew of the stress of this life and the impact on individuals and He offers a warning; alcohol is not the answer even a short-term answer; we must keep our wits about ourselves. To have a drink is not a sin, to become drunk is. Wisdom would tell us not to hang out in bars even if we are not drinking, by hanging out I mean as a routine event such as the TV show Cheers represented. People making a bar a normal part of their lives is not good for our witness or our Christian character. To go to a bar is not a sin, there are sinners there and if God sends you there then go as He asks. But do not lie to yourself and go there to get drunk or cavort with drunkards.

The point Jesus was making was at the end of the verse;

**“so that day come upon you unawares.”**

There is no day or time when Jesus is authorizing the Believer to become drunk, not one. Regardless of festival, weddings, reunions, troubled times, heart-breaking times; no none, not one.

**35For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.**

**Q.** What becomes a snare?

Jesus is refereeing back to the issue of becoming drunk. How many people have fallen into that snare and destroyed their lives? Let's expand it as the Bible speaks to other snares in the same way, drugs, fornication all ploys by Satan to destroy our lives and steal humankind away from Jesus.

**Q.** Who are the potential victims of this lifestyle?

**“all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.”**

**36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.**

**Q.** What is the defense against this insidious blight that has fallen on mankind?

Watch and pray.

Watch is defined in Strong's Concordance as;

Phonetic Spelling: (ag-roop-neh'-o)

Definition: to be sleepless, wakeful

Usage: I am not asleep, am awake; especially: I am watchful, careful.

Praying as the term in this verse is rendered, is to beg God to aid you to stay alert and avoid this trap of drunkenness and debauchery.

**37And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called *the mount* of Olives. 38And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.**

Jesus was no stranger to the pressure of dealing with people and their lives. Even Jesus required a bit of rest from the toils of His ministry. So, He would teach during the day and retreat onto the Mount of Olives at night to rest and sleep and return again the next day to the temple to teach. And the people would throng once again to His side to hear Him.

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