

MATTHEW 25; August 14; Prepare For Christ's Coming

ANALYSIS:

1. In the parable of the ten virgins, what distinguishes between the wise and foolish virgins? _____
2. What lesson did Jesus teach from the parable of the ten virgins?

3. What reward was given to the servants who used the talents entrusted to them? _____
4. Why was the servant with the one talent judged as "wicked and slothful?" _____
5. What action of the righteous and wicked is being judged by the Son of man in verses 31-46? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The theme of this chapter centers around the practical application of the second coming of Jesus Christ. The ten virgins teach us to keep our minds on the Lord and be prepared for his coming at any moment. The story of the talents shows that our faithfulness and diligence in our responsibilities here will be rewarded hereafter. The final judgment scene reveals that actions, such as common kindnesses of a servant's heart, are noted by the Lord as He separates souls to everlasting punishment or life eternal.

"It is related that Queen Victoria, deeply touched by a sermon of F. W. Farrar on the Lord's Second Coming, said to him: 'Dean Farrar, I should like to be living when Jesus comes, so that I could lay the crown of England at his feet'" (p 447, Halley's Bible Handbook). What will you and I lay at His feet today?

HELP:

1. The wise took oil for their lamps, the foolish took no oil (vs 3-4).
2. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh (v 13).
3. Well done, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord (vs 21, 23).
4. The servant knew his responsibility but did not even attempt to fulfill his duty (v 26).
5. Their treatment of those hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick and in prison (vs 40, 45).