

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS**  
**JANUARY 20, 2021**  
**MATTHEW 25.1FF**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Matthew 25 contains three scenarios each with a unique message related to the Judgment.
  - a) **MATTHEW 25.1-13:** The parable of the ten virgins. Be Prepared!
  - b) **MATTHEW 25.14-30:** The parable of the talents: Be Productive!
  - c) **MATTHEW 25.31-46:** The judgment scene: Be Compassionate!
2. As with any parable, there are three observations that will help us understand and apply it.
  - a) **THE CONTEXT:** What is going happening in the context that compels Jesus to tell this parable? In context, Jesus is addressing the final day of Judgment. (Matt. 24.36,45)
  - b) **THE CONTENTS:** What is the content of the parable?
  - c) **THE CONCLUSION:** What is the one lesson that Jesus is teaching from this parable.

**I. THE CONTENTS**

- A. Scene #1: Waiting for the Bridegroom. (Matt. 25.1-5)
  1. **MATTHEW 25.1:** *“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.”*
    - a) Weddings took place in three stages: Arrangement, Betrothal, Consummation.
    - b) During the betrothal, the bridesmaids kept watch for the coming of the groom.
  2. **MATTHEW 25.2:** *“Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.”*
    - a) Wise (phronimos): Literally, “thoughtful, considerate” [Mounce]; “implying a cautious character” [Strong].
    - b) Foolish (moros): Moronic. “senseless” [Mounce]; “heedless” [Strong]
  3. **MATTHEW 25.3,4:** *“Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.”* Why they were foolish.
  4. **MATTHEW 25.5:** *“But while the bridegroom was delayed...”*
- B. Scene #2: The arrival of the Bridegroom.
  1. Announcement: The coming the bridegroom was announced. (Matt. 25.6)
  2. Attention: The ten virgins woke up and went out to see him. (Matt. 25.7)
  3. Asking: The foolish virgins asked for oil from the wise virgins. (Matt. 25.8,9)
  4. Absence: The foolish virgins absent when the bridegroom came. (Matt. 25.10-12)

**II. THE CONCLUSION**

- A. **MATTHEW 25.13:** *“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”*
  1. Watch (gregoreo): Literally, “be attentive.” [present, active, imperative]
  2. Why do we always need to watch? *“for you know neither the day nor the hour...”*
- B. Facts about the coming of Jesus.
  1. It will appear that His coming is delayed. (Matt. 24.48; 25.5,19,2 Pet. 3.3,4,9-13)
  2. It will come at an unexpected time. (Matt. 25.6; Luke 12.41-48; 1 Thess. 4.16)
  3. Everyone will be responsible for themselves. (Matt. 25.8,9; 2 Cor. 5.10)
  4. Those who are prepared will be welcomed into heaven. (Matt. 25.10)
  5. Those who are unprepared will be shut out of heaven forever. (Matt. 25.11,12)