

16. What is the outcome for those who do keep watch and who are ready for Christ's return?

Reflection Questions: Am I truly trusting Jesus for my salvation? Does my life show evidence of this? Am I prepared for His return or my death? Am I living like Jesus may return at any moment? Would I like Jesus to return today or much later? Why?

How can we pray for one another this week?

Quotes to Ponder

There is not a more grand or a more beautiful spectacle on earth than a great assembly reverently worshipping God together. No line visible to human eye divides into two parts the goodly company; yet the goodly company is divided into two parts. The Lord reads our character & marks our place. The Lord knows them that are his, & them that are not his, in every assembly of worshippers.

William Arnot

Of all these bridesmaids, all of them profess to have one object in view, but only five were truly wise, the rest were foolish. The visible church of Christ is in just the same condition. All of its members are baptized in the name of Christ. But not all really hear His voice & follow Him. All are called Christians. All profess to be of the Christian religion, but not all have the grace of the Spirit in their hearts and are really what they profess to be.

J.C. Ryle

Many people...postpone coming to grips with God's call on their lives, assuming there's always a little more time. But we never really know that.

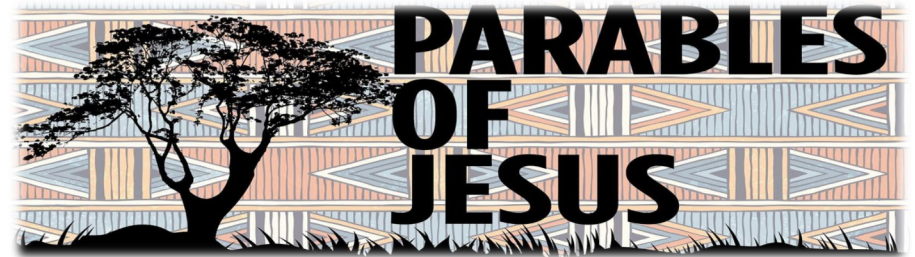
Craig Blomberg

A mere profession of religion may do for the flitting years of life, but will not for the realities of death, judgment, and eternity.

Jabez Burns

The time of examination is not the time of preparation....So if preparations need to be made before the time of an examination or before a long journey, surely it is necessary to make preparations for the greatest journey and greatest examination of all: the journey into the Unseen World and the Final Examination before the Judge of the earth.

Neil R. Lightfoot



Parable of the Ten Virgins
Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon
Notes

August 23, 2020

1. The Ten Virgins (1-5)

A. Five Foolish

B. Five Prudent

2. The Bridegroom (6-12)

A. Five Foolish

B. Five Prudent

3. The Warning (13)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read *Matthew 25:1-13*. How is *the kingdom of heaven...comparable to
ten virgins*?

3. Whom do the virgins in this parable represent?

4. How were all ten virgins/bridesmaids alike?

How were they different?

5. What happened as the virgins waited for the groom (*Matthew 25:5*)?
Was there anything wrong with this?

6. What had the foolish virgins done that was wrong (*Matthew 25:3*)?

7. What did the foolish virgins ask for in *Matthew 25:8*?

How did the prudent virgins answer them (*Matthew 25:9*)?

Were the prudent virgins being selfish? Explain.

8. What will happen to those who are caught unprepared when Jesus re-
turns (*Matthew 25:12*)?

9. Jesus knows those who are truly His (*John 10:14-15*). If Jesus should
say, *I do not know you* (*Matthew 25:12*), could He ever be wrong
about it?

10. What is the only way we can be ready for Jesus' return?

11. What warnings does Jesus give in these verses?

Matthew 24:36 —

Matthew 24:50 —

Matthew 24:42 —

Matthew 25:13 —

Matthew 24:44 —

12. How can we be *alert* (*Matthew 25:13*) as we await Jesus' return?
What does this look like?

13. What are we told in the following passages?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 —

Revelation 2:2-3 —

2 Peter 3:10-14 —

14. What point is this parable making?

15. What is the outcome for those who don't keep watch and who aren't
ready for Christ's return?