

COMMENTARY

MATTHEW 25:

vs. 1-13:

The parable of the 10 virgins waiting with their lamps to light the bridegrooms way to the brides house, is to further emphasize the need to be ready. Jesus demonstrates that those who serve for a while, and then give up, will not be welcomed and allowed to enter Heaven.

vs. 14-30:

Jesus continues to teach the importance of serving God, through the parable of the talents. The talents (worth more than \$1,000) were given in different proportions to 3 servants, in this story. 2 servants work diligently for their master, while he is away, and are able to show a good return on what had been entrusted to them. The other, neglects the money and responsibility. When the master returns, those who have helped his estate to grow, are rewarded richly. The one who was content to let it remain the same, lost his job, privileges and was cast out.

In the judgement, each will give an account on their faithfulness to God and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The point is for each servant of Christ to do all that they can to help the kingdom to grow. Sitting around, doing nothing but maintaining the status quo, will result in condemnation!

vs. 31-46:

The last parable in this chapter (the sheep and the goats) teaches about the day of judgement. All of mankind will divided into 2 groups, to stand before Jesus. The sheep (those on the right) will be welcomed into heaven, because of their love for their fellow man and their ministering to their needs. The goats (those on the left) will be cast out for they failed to show the love of God in their lives.

This parable does not teach that a person enter heaven, simply by being a humanitarian. Rather it emphasizes that those who are Jesus' flock, need to be expressing His love to their fellow man. If a person accepts Christ, but does not love and minister according to their ability, then they will be rejected and condemned.

STUDY GUIDE

MATTHEW 25:

1. What did the wise virgins do?
2. What was happening to the foolish ones lamps, when the bridegroom arrived?
3. Who went in with the bridegroom, into the wedding banquet?
4. How many talents did the man give to his 3 servants?
5. How did the master respond to the ones he had given 5 and 2 talents?
6. What had the servant with one talent done (see vs 25)?
7. What happened to that servant? (see vs. 28, 30)
8. How will the Son of Man, separate the nations?
9. What will the ones on the right have done for Him?
10. How had they ministered to Him (see vs. 40)?
11. Where the ones on His left, to depart into?
12. Where will the righteous go away into?

BONUS:

1. What is Jesus trying to teach, in the first 2 parables?
2. Does the parable of the talents, refer to abilities, money, or something else? Explain.
3. If a person does the things mentioned in verses 35 and 36, will they get to heaven? Explain.