

Matthew 25 Study Notes

25:1-13 Parable of the Virgins

What is the parable teaching us? _____

- The difference between the foolish and wise virgins is that the foolish failed to recognize that the returning Lord would come unexpectedly.
- Christ indicates here and in Luke 18:8 that a large portion of the church will be unprepared at the time of his return.
- Christ is coming at an unknown hour and His people must be _____.

In many Biblical passages _____ is a symbol for the Holy Spirit (Zechariah 4:1-7)

- Oil is a good representation of the Holy Spirit for many reasons:
 - Oil heals and was used as a medical treatment in Biblical times. The Spirit of God brings healing and restoration.
 - Oil was burned in lamps for light. Where the Spirit of God is there is light.

What do the five virgins with oil represent

What do the five virgins without the oil represent?

What is the key to Christian readiness? (Ephesians 5:18)

Matthew 7:21-23

Who is the bridegroom?

25:14-30 Parable of the Talents

It would take a day laborer how many years to earn 6,000 denarii or one talent?

- Clark says. "The talent which each man has suits his own state best; and it is only pride and insanity which lead him to desire and envy the graces and talents of another. Five would be too much for some and one would be too little for others.

What can be said about the first two servants?

- They did their work _____
- They did their work with _____
- They did their work with _____
- They were read to give an _____ to their master.

What can be said about the servant who only received one?

- He did nothing positive with it!

The rewards

- First two Servants
 - Received praise from their master
 - Received a promise of a future blessing.
 - Received glory "the joy of the Lord."
 - What will you do with the gifts God has given you?
 - Will God get a return on his investment?
- Third Servant
 - Eternity away from God.
- Application
 - We must not make excuses to avoid doing what God calls us to do.
 - Those who invest his or her time and talents to serve God will be rewarded.

25:31-46 The Final Judgement

- Jesus used sheep and goats to picture the division between what?
- What is the reward for those on His right hand (the sheep)?
- Faith leads to _____.
- James 2:20-21
- Romans 4:2-4
- Throughout the chapter, the point emphasized is that the price of indifference is too high to pay.
 - We cannot afford to be indifferent towards Jesus and His return.
 - We cannot afford to be indifferent towards the Holy Spirit.
 - We cannot afford to be indifferent towards the needy people all around us.
 - We cannot afford to be indifferent towards lost humanity that will stand in judgement.