

Watching for the Coming of the Son of Man

Matthew 25:14-19

Previously . . .

- In Matthew 24:36-51, we saw Jesus answering the question, *“What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”*

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- *“What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”*
 - The second coming. **Matt 24:36-44**
 - *“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” vs 44*
 - The faithful and wise servant. **Matt 24:45-51**
 - *The faithful and wise servant will be found doing what the master has assigned him.*
 - *The evil servant will be unprepared and will suffer.*

Previously . . .

- *“What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”*
 - The ten virgins. ***Matt 25:1-13***
 - The parable of the talents. ***Matt 25:14-30***
 - The son of man will judge the nations.
Matt 25:31-46

The Wise and Foolish Virgins

- The parable of the ten virgins and the wedding. ***Matt 25:1-13***
 - “the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to...”
 - *Compare to other parables that reads “the kingdom of heaven is like...” Matt 13:31, 44, 45, 47*
 - *This parable is looking forward to the coming of the Son of Man. Matt 25:13*

The Wise and Foolish Virgins

- The parable of the ten virgins and the wedding.
Matt 25:1-13
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Preparedness
 - *Ten virgins are waiting for the bridegroom.*
 - *The oil lamps were small and could only hold a small amount of oil.*
 - *Five virgins brought extra oil.*
 - *Five virgins did not bring extra oil.*

The Wise and Foolish Virgins

- The parable of the ten virgins and the wedding.
Matt 25:1-13
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Preparedness
 - *Five virgins were ready for the delay, knowing they would have to wait.*
 - *Five virgins did not plan ahead and were unprepared for the delay.*
 - *In the previous parable, the master returned early.*
Matt 24:50

The Wise and Foolish Virgins

- The parable of the ten virgins and the wedding.
Matt 25:1-13
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Preparedness
 - *The five foolish virgins missed their opportunity to enter in with the bridegroom. **Matt 25:10***
 - *They were unable to enter the wedding. **Matt 25:11-12***
 - *Jesus said watch because we do not know when the Son of Man is coming. **Cf. Matt 24:36, 42, 44, 50***

The Talents

- The next parable is that of the talents.
Matt 25:14-30
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Activity
 - Each servant was given charge over money, each based on his own availability. ***vs 14-15***
 - *Denarii = one day's wage for a typical laborer*
 - *Talent = 6,000 denarii*
 - *Roughly 16-20 years of income for an average worker*

The Talents

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Matt 25:14-30
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Activity
 - Two of the servants were responsible in preparing for their master's return. ***vs 16-17***
 - *One with 5 talents increased his to 10 talents.*
 - *One with 2 talents increased his to 4 talents.*
 - One servant failed to prepare. ***vs 18***
 - *One buried his talent for safe keeping.*

The Talents

- The next parable is that of the talents.
Matt 25:14-30
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Activity
 - *“After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.” Matt 25:19*
 - *The first parable, the master returned sooner than expected. Matt 24:50*
 - *The second parable, the bridegroom was delayed. Matt 25:5*
 - *This parable, the return was “after a long time.”*

The Talents

- The next parable is that of the talents.
Matt 25:14-30
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Activity
 - The two faithful servants were rewarded.
vs 20-23
 - *“You were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.” cf. Matt 24:47*

The Talents

- The next parable is that of the talents.
Matt 25:14-30
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Activity
 - The unfaithful servant was punished. ***vs 24-30***
 - *Appears to blame the master for making unreasonable demands. vs 24*
 - *Claims he buried the talent to protect it. vs 25*
 - *The master knew the truth: Wicked and lazy. vs 26*
 - *Depositing the money would have drawn interest.*

The Talents

- The parable of the talents. ***Matt 25:14-30***
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Activity
 - The unfaithful servant was punished. ***vs 24-30***
 - *Lost his reward. vs 28*

The Talents

- The parable of the talents. **Matt 25:14-30**
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Activity
 - The unfaithful servant was punished. **vs 24-30**
 - *“For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.”*
vs 29
 - We must use what we have. Whether it is our faith, our abilities, our opportunities, our knowledge of God’s word, etc. we must not be lazy. We must be watchful and ready.

The Talents

- The parable of the talents. ***Matt 25:14-30***
 - Focus: Watchfulness / Activity
 - The unfaithful servant was punished. ***vs 24-30***
 - *“And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” vs 30*
 - Compare to ***Matt 24:50-51***.

Conclusion

The takeaway...

- We must watch for the coming of the Son of Man.
 - *There may be long delays.*
 - *People around us may say Jesus is not coming.*
Cf. 2 Pet 3:4
 - *Do not get caught up in the worries and pleasures of life. These things will distract us from watching.*

Conclusion

The takeaway...

- We must be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man.
 - Become children of God.
 - Love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. ***Mark 12:29-30***
 - Avoid the works of the flesh and seek the fruit of the Spirit. ***Gal 5:19-26***
 - If we sin, then repent and turn back to God. ***1 John 1:9***

Conclusion

The takeaway...

- We must be active while we are waiting.
 - Keep serving the Lord.
 - Keep worshiping the Lord.
 - Keep seeking the kingdom of heaven.
 - Remain spiritually awake. ***Cf. Rom 13:11-14***