



THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Practical Living to Show Readiness for Christ's Return

Session Number: 39 | Week: 6 | Day: 4

Bible Passage

Matthew 25:1-30

Introduction

In Matthew 25:1-30, Jesus addresses the stumbling blocks that hinder making His second coming known. In this session, He provides His disciples with practical ways to live in anticipation of His return. Jesus uses three parables to illustrate how three types of people will live in the last days: the Jews (parable of the 10 virgins), the Christians (parable of the three servants), and the Gentiles/nations (parable of the sheep and goats).

Session Objectives

By the end of this session, you will have:

- Understood the principles of being ready and prepared for the return of Jesus by explaining the importance of watchfulness, prayerfulness, and faithfulness.
- Appreciated the role of the Holy Spirit, who is our oil that keeps the lamp burning.

Session Outline

- **Our response to His sure coming:** watchfulness, prayerfulness, and faithfulness.
- **Jewish practical working and living** before Christ returns (Parable of the Virgins).
- **Christian practical working and living** before Christ returns (Parable of the Three Servants).
- **Gentiles' practical working and living** before Christ returns (Parable of the Sheep and Goats).
- **Lessons from the three groups** for our preparation.

Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
 - Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
 - Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
 - Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.
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Comprehending

What do the verses mean?
(In small groups, attempt the following questions.)

- Read Matthew 25:1-13. Who are the key characters in the parable, and what is the difference between the wise and foolish virgins?
- What two things signify being ready for Jesus' return? (Matthew 24:40-42, Matthew 25:13; Matthew 25:5-7, Luke 21:36).
- In your view, what is faithfulness as we wait for Christ's return? What is the reward for being faithful?
- Read Matthew 25:14-30. List the key persons mentioned in this parable. What was the main difference between the first two servants and the third servant?
- What six lessons do you learn from the parable about being faithful and ready as we wait for Jesus' return?

Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
 - **Sin** to confess
 - **Promise** to claim
 - **Attitude** to change
 - **Command** to keep
 - **Error** to change
 - **Prayer** to make
 - **Example** to copy
 - **Truth** to obey and
 - **Something** praiseworthy

Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.