

- Jesus is going to further illustrate His End times teaching.
- **Mt 24:45-51**

Mt 25:1 ¶ "Then **the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.**

- Wise here means being prudent

2 "Now **five of them were wise, and five were foolish.**

3 "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them.

4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

- This illustrates the wise servant who was about his masters business and watching and waiting.

5 "But while **the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.**

6 "And **at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!**

7 "Then all **those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.**

8 "And **the foolish said** to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for **our lamps are going out.'**

9 "But **the wise answered**, saying, '**No, lest there should not be enough for us and you;** but go rather to those who sell, and **buy for yourselves.'**

- We must enter the Kingdom by our own watching and preparedness not that of others, we shall be examined by what we have done on this earth. We cannot ride on the shirt tails of another
- **Mt 16:27** "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then **He will reward each according to his works.**
- "It is a warning addressed specifically to those inside the professing church who are not to assume that their future is unconditionally assured; all ten are expecting to be at the feast, and until the moment comes there is no apparent difference between them – it is the crisis which will divide the ready from the unready." (France)
- Please understand the oil here can typify the Holy Spirit the wise had the "Holy Spirit" but the foolish had none. Being a "church goer" does not make you a Christian that is based on your believing in Him as your Savior at which time the Spirit of God indwells you the believer.

10 "And **while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.**

- **Ge 7:16** So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and **the LORD shut him in.**

11 "Afterward **the other virgins came** also, saying, '**Lord, Lord, open to us!**'

12 "But he answered and said, '**Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.**'

- No more helpless and hopeless words can be spoken in this life "I do not know you"
- **Mt 7:21-23** ¶ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your

name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

- **Joh 17:3** "And **this is eternal life, that they may know You**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (*This is the earthly prayer of Jesus that we may know*)
- **Joh 10:14** "I am the good shepherd; and **I know My sheep, and am known by My own**.
- Does He, the Lord of all creation, know YOU by name? Does He? Do YOU have a relationship with Him that is current and faithful? Do YOU? Do YOU, love Him with all YOUR mind, heart and soul that YOU are looking for Him as earnestly as you would look for a loved one to come home?

13 "**Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.**

### What does it mean to watch? To be ready?

14 ¶ "For **the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country**, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

15 "And to one **he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability**; and immediately he went on a journey.

- A talent was a weight of some precious metal that could be worth as much as 6,000 denarii and a Denarii was a 1 days wage. This supposition being correct then 5 talents would be 30,000 days wages a large sum. This represents a life's earnings. 82 years in fact.
- In the application of this parable it is appropriate to see these talents as life resources whether money or skills. And each was given according to their personal abilities they were never compared.

16 "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

17 "And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

18 "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

- **Mt 5:14-16** "**You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

19 "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

21 "His lord said to him, '**Well done, good and faithful servant**; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of **your lord.**'

22 "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

23 "His lord said to him, '**Well done, good and faithful servant**; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of **your lord**.'

24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

25 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. **Look, there you have what is yours.'**

- In a simple sense he is saying, I am just a small fish in a big pond, Your much greater than I, what does it matter what I do or how I perform you got your money back What's the big deal?

26 "But his lord answered and said to him, '**You wicked and lazy servant**, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

27 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

28 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

**29 '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.**

- Those who have been faithful, who are about our Lord's business, will receive a reward for their faithfulness, very Heaven itself, but to the unfaithful all they have will be stripped away to damnation

30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

### **The Judgment of the Nations (Gentiles)**

**And the reward of those who through the tribulation stayed true to the Lord, the Sheep of His Pastures.**

31 ¶ "**When the Son of Man comes in His glory**, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

- When Christ begins His Millennial reign reference Re. 19
- This is not the great white throne judgment in Re.20

32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

33 "And **He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.**

34 "Then the King will say **to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

35 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

36 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

37 "Then **the righteous will answer Him**, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

38 '**When did we see You** a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

39 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 "And the King will answer and say to them, '**Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.**'

- There reward will be based on their works of righteousness, expressed toward Christians and Jews whom the anti christ was persecuting.

41 "Then He will also say to **those on the left hand**, '**Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:**

42 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

43 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

44 "Then **they also will answer Him**, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

45 "Then He will answer them, saying, '**Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.**'

46 "And **these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.**"

- The purpose of this Judgment of the Nations is to separate peoples before the beginning of Jesus' millennial kingdom. The wicked and cruel unsaved will not enter; but those saved, moral and good will enter.