

The Discourses of Jesus

Life in the Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 25:1-30

Parable of Ten Virgins

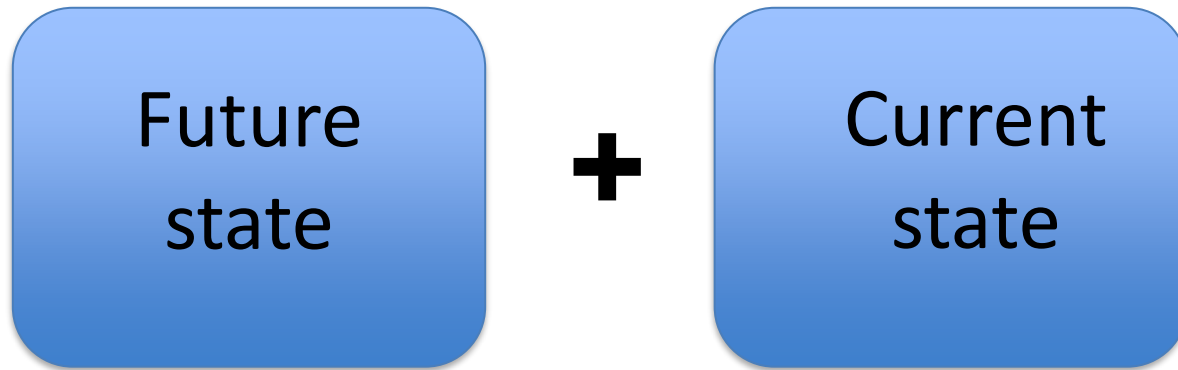
“Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. For when the foolish took their lamps, they did not take extra oil with them; but the prudent ones took oil in flasks with their lamps. Now while the groom was delaying, they all became drowsy and began to sleep. But at midnight there finally was a shout: ‘Behold, the groom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

Matt 25:1-7 (NASB 2020)

But the foolish virgins said to the prudent ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' However, the prudent ones answered, 'No, there most certainly would not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the groom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. Yet later, the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.' But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' Be on the alert then, because you do not know the day nor the hour.

Matt 25:8-13 (NASB 2020)

The Kingdom of Heaven



The kingdom
is here

Getting Married



I Do Not Know You

Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles? ‘And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’”

Matt 7:21-23 (NASB 2020)

Parable of the Talents

“For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. The one who had received the five talents immediately went and did business with them, and earned five more talents. In the same way the one who had received the two talents earned two more. But he who received the one talent went away and dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master’s money.

Matt 25:14-18 (NASB 2020)

One with Five Talents

“Now after a long time the master of those slaves *came and *settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have earned five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.’

Matt 25:19-21 (NASB 2020)

One with Two Talents

“Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have earned two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.’

Matt 25:22-23 (NASB 2020)

“Now the one who had received the one talent also came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed. And I was afraid, so I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you still have what is yours.’

“But his master answered and said to him, ‘You worthless, lazy slave! Did you know that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter seed? Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. Therefore: take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’

Matt 25:24-28 (NASB 2020)

Has – Has Not...

“For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. And throw the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matt 25:29-30 (NASB 2020)

The Talents



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Well done...
Enter into your
master's joy...

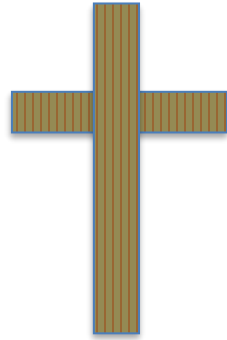
Worthless
lazy...
Throw
Him
Out!

**Application – Life in the Kingdom
Parable of the Virgins**

**Each of us is responsible for our decisions
and actions**

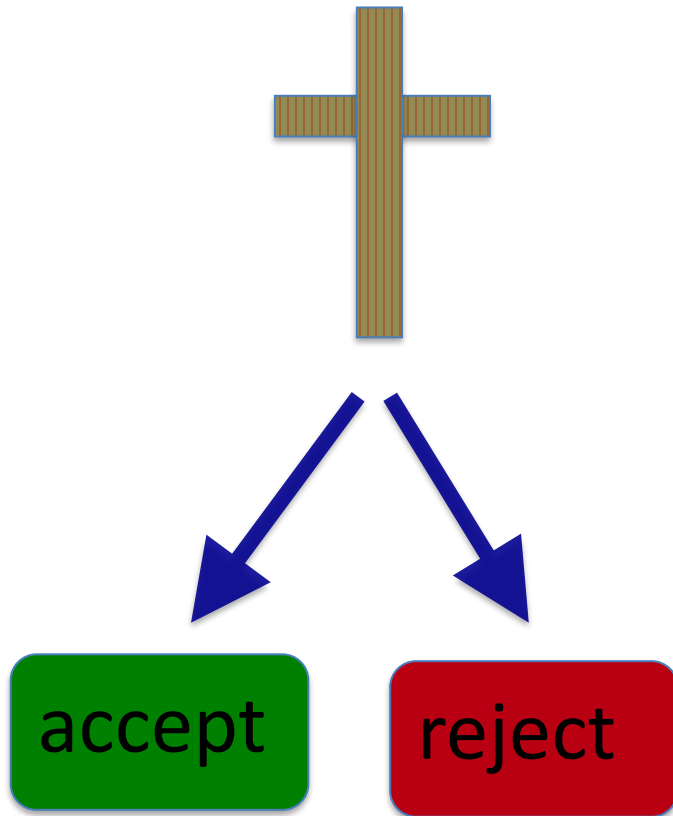
Be on the alert – be prepared to meet Jesus

God's Gift of Grace



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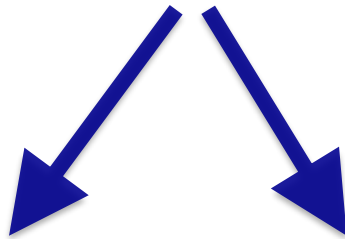
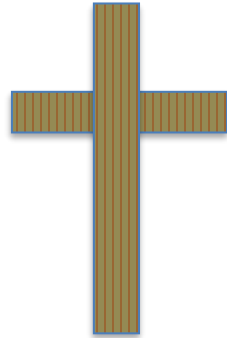
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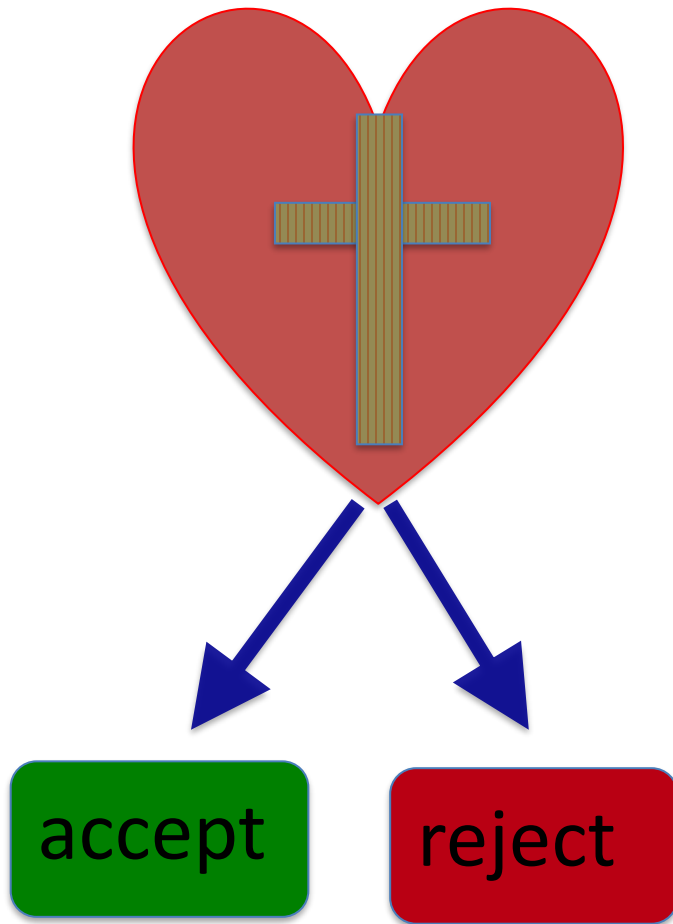
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The Groom – Old Testament

“Fear not, for you will not be put to shame;
And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be
disgraced;

But you will forget the shame of your youth,
And no longer remember the disgrace of your
widowhood.

“For your husband is your Maker,
Whose name is the LORD of armies;
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,
Who is called the God of all the earth.

Is 54:4-5 (NASB 2020)

The Groom – New Testament

Then the disciples of John (the Baptist) came to Him, asking, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “The attendants of the groom cannot mourn as long as the groom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the groom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

Matt 9:14-15 (NASB 2020)

The Bride

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NASB 2020)

Family

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I'm so glad I'm a part
Of the fam'ly of God
I've been washed in the
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Joint heirs with Jesus
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Celebrating
together?

Supporting each
other?

Looking past quirks
to build up the
family?

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We will be called to give an account

According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each person must be careful how he builds on it. For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, each one's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each one's work. If anyone's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 1 Co 3:10-14 (NASB 2020)

Our “Talents”

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Spiritual gifts and talents
Time

To do list?
Build up God’s family?

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**I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me. (Phil 4:13)**

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Parable of the Talents

- We need to put our talents to work
 - Time, talents (abilities), treasures
 - Check – calendar, to-do list, bank statements

In Closing...

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and in a godly manner in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, eager for good deeds.

(Titus 2:11-14 NASB 2020)

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Well done thou good
and faithful servant...
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