


**PARABLES**

**OF**

***ESCHATOLOGY***



# MATTHEW 25

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1. Parable of the Ten Virgins
  2. Parable of the Bags of Gold
  3. Parable of the Sheep and the Goats



# I. PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS





25 At that time, the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. **The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time away, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.**

Mt 25:1



6 *‘At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’*

7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 **The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’**

9 “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

Mt 25: 6-9



10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The **virgins who were ready** went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

**11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’**

**12 “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’**

13 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Mt 25:10-13



# A. CONTEXT

Ancient Wedding Customs







**B. CONTENT**



# 1. Compare and Contrast

Similarities	Differences
Location	5 Wise, 5 Foolish
Lamps	5 had prepared enough oil, 5 ran out of oil
Falling Asleep	



## 2. Crisis

"Here comes the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" (v.6)

- The specific details of the wedding procession are not the key focus in this parable.
- What matters was the 5 wise virgins' level of preparedness, and the 5 foolish virgins' lack, when the bridegroom was delayed in His coming



# C. CONCLUSION





Stay prepared for His coming by being watchful  
and making provisions with a sense of urgency



Individual's preparedness cannot be given,  
borrowed, or shared with others



A burlap sack is tipped over, spilling a large number of gold coins onto a dark, textured wooden surface. The coins are scattered across the foreground, with some overlapping. The background is dark and out of focus.

## **II. PARABLE OF THE BAGS OF GOLD**



# Conclusion

We are to wait faithfully and watchfully for His glorious return by being a responsible and productive servant multiplying the Master's assets.



# III. PARABLE OF THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS





A dramatic landscape photograph featuring a sunset or sunrise. The sun is partially obscured by dark, heavy clouds, creating a bright, glowing effect with rays of light breaking through. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. In the foreground, the silhouettes of rolling mountains and a distant town are visible against the bright light. The text 'A. CONTEXT' is overlaid in the center of the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

# A. CONTEXT



31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Mt 25: 31-33





**B. CONTENT**



# 1. Compare and Contrast

<b>Sheep</b>	<b>Goat</b>
Commended for acts of kindness and compassion:	Failed to show compassion and mercy
Fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, welcomed strangers, clothed the naked, cared for the sick and in prison.	Ignored those who needed help, turned a blind eye to their suffering, and did not care for the least fortunate.
Ministered to the King	Neglected the King



## 2. Crisis

SHEEP: He put them on his right and said, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (v.34)



34 “Then the King will say to those on his right,  
‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your  
inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the  
creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you  
gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you  
gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and  
you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you  
clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I  
was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Mt 25: 34-36



## 2. Crisis

SHEEP: He put them on his right and said, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (v. 34)

GOATS: He put them on His left and He declared, “Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.” (v. 41)





**C. CONCLUSION**



Be prepared and watchful for the Messiah's return  
and this should be shown through acts of love.



# CHALLENGE

1. Preparing ourselves, be watchful as we do not know when He will come back.
2. Remaining in faithful service to the Lord as His servant, using the gifts and resources He has given us to serve Him and His people.
3. Serving selflessly and ministering to our fellow brothers and sisters, especially those in need, with love and care.