

Matthew

Chapter 25

Student

Contents: Parables of the wise and foolish virgins. Testing of the servants in the **LORD**'s absence. Future testing of the Gentile nations at the **LORD**'s return.

Characters: **GOD**, **JESUS**, disciples.

Conclusion: The hour of our **LORD**'s second coming is very uncertain which is the reason that we should habitually live in a state constant anticipation of the **LORD**'s return. This anticipation should manifest itself by engaging in **GOD**ly works for all of mankind. Our reward will be the greatest reward! That reward will be to hear the words from **CHRIST**, "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.'" **Matthew 25:21**.

Key Word: **CHRIST**'s return, 6, 19, 31.

Strong Verses: 13, 29, 31, 32, 34, 40.

Striking Facts: 1-13. The strict application is for the nation of Israel and refers to the "Revealing" of **CHRIST** when **HE** comes "with **HIS** saints" to set up **HIS** Kingdom and punish the disobedient nations. Virgins are attendants of a bride. "Bridegroom" in some translations is "bride and groom" and "marriage" in 10 is "marriage-feast." The virgins are professing Jewish disciples (Revelation 14:4; Psalm 45:14). In the midst of the great Tribulation, the midnight cry will be heard. For Christians the parable is a warning of the "Catching Away" which precedes the "Revelation." The lamp is a type of **GOD**'s **WORD** and the oil of the **HOLY SPIRIT**. The two classes distinguish between Possessors of Christianity and Professors of it.

1. Why were the young virgins called "foolish" and not allowed to enter?
2. How many servants did the "**MAN**" and their number of talents?
3. Why did the servant with the one talent get a rebuke?

Bonus Question: What do verses 31 have to do with believers today?