

Living With The End In Mind
Matthew 25:1-13 / May 3, 2020

The real focus of the Olivet Discourse is not the prophecies about the future, but the challenge to live faithfully in the present. The majority of these chapters are parables that address this concern. The Parable of the Ten Virgins asks important questions about how we spend our time and focus our lives as believers today.

Read Matthew 25:1-13

1. What is the primary criticism of the foolish virgins in this passage? (see Ephesians 5:15-16)

2. What might the Lord's response here suggest about the true state of some in the church today (v. 12)? (see also Matthew 7:23; Philippians 3:18-19)

3. What was the driving motivation for the actions of the wise virgins in this passage? (see Titus 2:13-14; 2 Peter 3:13)

4. Are you prepared for the second coming of Jesus?

5. What are some ways you can begin to 'live ready' today? (see Ephesians 3:17-19; Romans 12:10-13; Colossians 3:13; Colossians 4:5-6)

Father help me to live in full obedience in the present as I anticipate your coming in the future.