

Matthew
Gail Arterburn –2026

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

No class on Labor Day – 09/07/26; To be discussed –09/14/26

Matthew - Lesson 33

Matthew 25:1-46

1. Read Matthew 25:1-13. How does the whole story hinge on v. 5? What was similar about all of the 10 virgins/maidens? What was the vast difference between the wise and foolish women? What is the major point of the parable? What was the end result for the foolish women?
2. In applying this parable to us today, what one thing is necessary for anyone to be prepared for the return of Christ? Is it possible for the “preparedness” of the wise to be shared or given to another? What sense of urgency is conveyed in this parable (see also 2 Cor. 6:1-2)?
3. Read Matthew 25:14-30. Were all the servants entrusted with the same amount? Why not? What did each one of them do with what they had been given? What did the man expect of his servants when it was time to *settle the accounts* with them? How did he respond to each of them?
4. What was the rather remarkable response of the third servant in vv. 24-25? Was his justification of his inaction reasonable?
5. What have we been given by God? Is it enough for Christians simply to “hang in there” and wait for his return? What should we be doing with that which has been entrusted to us?
6. Read Matthew 25:31-46. When Jesus returns and sits on his throne, who will be gathered before him? What action will he take? (vv. 31-33) What will he say to the sheep? (v. 34) What will he say to the goats? (v. 41)
7. For what does he commend the sheep and condemn the goats? Does this parable (as well as the previous parable of the talents) teach salvation based on good works (and not grace)? Why or why not?
8. What do all three of these parables teach about a “day of reckoning?” Are you living accordingly?