

Sunday May 12th 2013
Mothers' Day
One Taken, One Left
Part Two
Study Questions

1). Mt 24:37 *"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.* – What can we learn from this verse about conditions within Christendom prior to the Lord's return?

a). What do we find in 2 Peter concerning this same thing?

b). What is the reason for complacency surrounding the Lord's return?

c). Is this true for all Christians and if not how do the verses that follow our opening verse demonstrate this?

d). Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 – What commentary does this give us on Matthew 24:40-43 and taking the 2 together what do they tell us about what will be our own experience at the Lord's return?

e). What is the familiar theme that we see once again in the parable of the one taken and the one left?

f). What is the most pressing issue of the hour for us all and what do the scriptures have to say about it?

2). Read Matthew 24:45-51 – Where is this picture taken from and what is the foundational idea contained in it? Which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

- a). What is the main focus of the master's instructions?
- b). What connection do we find here with Hebrews 13:17?
- c). To what does 'meat' refer as used in the scriptures?
- d). What did we learn in Hebrews about 'meat'?
- e). How many servants are there in the parable?
- f). What is it that turns the faithful servant into an unfaithful servant?
- g). What is the consequence of this?
- h). What will be the outcome for the unfaithful servant?
- i). If the servant is faithful however, what should be the outcome in the lives of those entrusted to his care?
- j). Explain the significance of fruit production as seen in the scriptures.
- k). Overall then, what do we learn from this parable and what information has it provided for us on the one taken and the one left from the previous parable?

3). Read Matthew 25:1-13 – What does the word ‘then’ at the beginning of this parable in the original language make clear for us?

a). As a result of this what would we know to be the subject of this parable?

b). What do we know of the 10 virgins from our previous study?

c). How should we understand the descriptions ‘wise’ and ‘foolish’?

d). What does the fact that they all have oil in their lamps tell us?

e). How should we understand them ‘all’ going out to meet the bridegroom?

f). What distinguishes between these 2 groups in the parable and how should we understand this?

g). Read v5-6 again – how should we understand v5 and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

h). Why is being filled with the Spirit essential for us as we go through this time of darkness?

i). What must be the inevitable consequence of not having it?

j). What should we understand about the cry ‘at midnight’?

k). Where is the first mention principle concerning ‘midnight’? What do we learn from this and where else do we see it?

- l). What is the cry concerning 'midnight' all about?
 - m). What response do all the virgins make when they hear it?
 - n). What do the foolish find to be happening to their lamps?
 - o). What do they realize they haven't got?
 - p). What do they want to do to remedy this and why is this not possible?
 - q). What is the solution?
 - r). Who is the only One from whom the extra supply of oil can be purchased? Where do we find another scripture concerning 'buying' from Him?
 - s). In what sense is the extra supply of oil to be bought?
 - t). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
 - u). Are you paying the price?
 - v). On reflection then do you find yourself more on the side of the 'wise' or of the 'foolish'?
- 4). Any final thoughts for today?