

Sunday June 9th 2013
One Taken, One Left
Part Three
Study Questions

1). Read Matthew 24:40-44 – Who are the ones dealt with in this parable?

a). What distinction is made between those seen in the parable and what does this distinction mean for them?

b). What reason is given in the parable for this distinction being made?

c). What is the admonition in v44 and what might this tell us about why one was taken and one was left?

2). Read Matthew 24:45-51 – Who are the ones dealt with in this parable?

a). What choice is faced by the servant in this parable?

b). What 2 contrasting things then must he choose between?

c). Where is his master at this time?

d). Why can his master's absence lead to him making a wrong choice?

e). What consequences are there for his choice?

f). How do the 2 consequences in this parable connect with the previous parable?

g). How does all of this relate to us and what do you learn from it?

h). Which other scripture did we look at that presents the same picture?

3). Read Matthew 25:1-13 – Who are being dealt with in this parable?

a). In what timeframe is this parable set?

b). What future consequence do we see in this parable?

c). How is this future consequence the same as, and different from, that which we have seen in the previous parables?

d). Why is it necessary for this ‘difference’ to be presented?

e). What do we know about the time ‘while the bridegroom was delayed’?

f). What distinction between the 2 groups is made in this parable and what is the basis for this distinction?

g). How are we to understand the extra supply of oil?

h). How does this connect with the ‘meat’ from the previous parable?

i). How does the majority of Christendom view the meeting with the Bridegroom and why do they see it that way? Which scriptures did we look at?

j). Are Christians spiritual ‘morons’ genetically and if not how is it possible to become one?

k). What basically are we to be doing as we wait for the Bridegroom to come?

4). Read Ruth 3:1-3 – What do these verses tell us about how to be prepared for meeting the Bridegroom?

a). What does it mean to ‘wash yourself’ and why do you think this is the first thing mentioned?

b). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

c). In what sense do we ‘wash’ ourselves?

d). What does it mean to ‘anoint yourself’ and why do you think this is the second thing mentioned?

e). In what sense do we anoint ourselves?

f). What does it mean to ‘put on your best garment’ and why is this the last of the 3?

g). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

h). How do these 3 work concurrently together?

i). What must be the outcome for us if we make this proper preparation?

j). What time do we have to make this preparation?

5). *10 "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. At what point will we no longer have any opportunity to prepare?*

a). What then will we have in our possession that will determine whether we go in with Him to the wedding?

b). What does the closing of the door signify and how permanent is this?

c). What does it mean for those on the wrong side of the door and why are they on the wrong side?

d). What does all of this say to you about your present preparation?

e). How much time do we have left to be prepared?

6). What would you say then has been the focus of these 3 parables we have looked at?

a). What do you think the Lord wants us to learn from them?

b). How serious a business is this?

c). Do you have any final thoughts?