

The Signs of Christ's Coming: The Fate of the Unprepared, Part 10

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 25:1-13.

B. Jesus gives a warning parable in his great Olivet Discourse. He is coming in judgment in an unexpected hour.

C. The parable teaches that Jesus is coming in a sudden moment in judgment when the opportunity for repentance will be closed.

II. The return of Christ is likened to a glorious wedding celebration.

III. There will be many professing Christians at the coming of Christ, but some are "wise" and some "foolish." (Matthew 5:15, John 18:3, 2 Timothy 3:5)

A. The foolish ones are committed outwardly only.

B. We are not to be caught in such unpreparedness when the Lord returns.

C. The Lord will make the distinction between the two kinds of people when he returns, but at first we cannot tell the difference.

D. Jesus sees a large amount of unredeemed people in the church at his coming.

IV. The redeemed go on with the routine while they wait for Jesus to return.

V. All are called to examine themselves. (2 Corinthians 13:5)

VI. There are many in the church who are unprepared to face God. (Luke 6:46; 13:25; 21:34)

Application Questions:

1. What does this parable teach us about the status of those in the church?

2. How can one practically go about examining his own salvation?

3. How should those who have security in their salvation respond to this parable? Explain.
