

Be Faithful

Matthew 24-25

Jesus teaches about the end of time (Matthew 24:3)

Parable – *A short story told to communicate a spiritual or moral truth, usually designed to make one central point*

Matthew 25:14-30 Parable of the Talents

Talent – a measure of money

Hebrew - weight a man could lift

Greek - 6000 days wage

Even one talent was a substantial amount

I. The Master Distributed the Talents

- A. Everyone received at least one
- B. Not distributed equally
- C. Distributed according to ability (vs 15)
- D. Given the amount master knew they could handle
 - 1. Not too much – overwhelmed
 - 2. Not too little

Not about how much each received but how they used what they were given (Romans 12:6)

II. When the Master Returns All Will Be Held Accountable

- A. Each personally responsible (Romans 14:7-12; I Corinthians 5:10)
- B. God will reward faithful servants (I Corinthians 3:9-15)
- C. Unfaithful will be cast “into outer darkness”
 - 1. Excuses of the unfaithful servants
 - 2. Paralyzed by fear
 - 3. Master says “wicked and lazy”

III. The Central Truth of the Parable

- A. All talent comes from God
 - Treasure – Talent – Time – Testimony
- B. God expects us to be about His business (stewards of His gifts)
- C. Not how much we have been given but how we use it to honor God

Faithfulness till Christ’s return (Acts 1:1-11)

“So heavenly minded, no earthly good”