

Steady, Steadfast and Serving the Lord!

IV. The 5 Parabolic Illustrations

1. The Fig Tree

Matthew 24:32-35 - The Fig Tree Illustration	
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32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. **33** So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! **34** Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. **35** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

2. Days of Noah

Matthew 24:36-39 - Days of Noah

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.
37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **38** For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **39** and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

3. Comparison of 2 Men and 2 Women

Matthew 24:39-42
- Two Men & Two Women

39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **40** Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. **41** Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. **42** Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

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4. Faithful House Servant

5. Wise Servant

Matthew 24:42-51
- Faithful & Wise House
Servant - Two Parables

42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. **43** But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. **44** Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. **45** "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? **46** Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. **47** Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. **48** But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' **49** and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, **50** the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, **51** and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

V. Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the 10 Virgins

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1 Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. **3** Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. **5** But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. **6** "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' **7** Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. **8** And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' **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. **11** "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' **12** But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' **13** "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Luke 12:35-37

35 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; **36** and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. **37** Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching ...

VI. Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the Talents

<p>Matthew 25:14-15ff 14 For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey...</p>	
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VII. Matthew 25:31-46 - Sheep and Goat Judgments

There are 3 different groups at this judgment of the Nations.

1. The **unsaved** followers of the anti-Christ at the end of the Tribulation called **goats**. Thrown into **outer darkness**!
2. **Gentle Believers** who survived martyrdom of the Tribulation called **sheep**. They ministered to the remnant Jews (brethren). They **go into the Millennium**.
3. The "**brethren**" whom the sheep befriend. They are the **remnant believing Jews** who will **go into the Millennium**. Jesus calls them "my brethren".

BOTTOM-LINE

1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 58