



Matthew Chapter 25

The Parable of The Talents

Last week as we examined Matthew chapter 25, we took a close look at the parable of the 10 virgins, and we made mention of how five of them were foolish and five of them were wise. And we also talked about the oil that was used to trim their lamps and how important it is to understand the correlation between that beaten olive oil that represents our Messiah and the light of the world that we are supposed to be.

And we also made mention of what happens when our lights go out. What happens when we are no longer the salt of the earth or the light of the world?

Once again it is clearly written that whoever denies our Messiah before men he will deny before his Father in heaven. When we are no longer the salt of the earth, we are good for nothing other than to be trampled underfoot. And when our light goes out, what good is a lamp with no light?

These parables that our Messiah presents to us all throughout his ministry were once again given for a reason. And it's important for us to understand why it is that our Messiah spoke in these parables.

If we will remember correctly earlier on in our studies when we studied Matthew chapter 13, we talked in some depth about why our Messiah spoke in parables. **E1 (Matthew 13:10-17 SHOW ONLY)**

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Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

Mat 13:17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

And we made mention of the fact that the purpose of parables was to deliver the gospel message to those who were chosen. When we read down through Matthew chapter 13 verses 10 through 17, we see our Messiah often times using the words "them" or "their" or "they". In fact, he uses those words to point to "them"... over and over ten different times just within those eight verses.

And therefore, what is important to understand here is that there is an "us" and there is a "them". And there is a difference between us and them.

Our Messiah tells us very clearly that he speaks to them in parables because seeing they do not see and hearing they do not hear, nor do they

understand. Why do they not see or hear or understand? Because they're not interested in seeing or hearing or understanding. You see that's the difference between us... and them.

The truth of God's word is only given to those who are seeking him. Why? Because only those who are seeking him are seeking the truth that he has spoken. Only those who are truly asking and seeking and knocking on his door for his truth will find the truth.

And I tell you the truth my friends... there are more of "them" who could care less about the truth than there are us who do care about the truth. And I will even go a step farther than that by contending that the apostate church is not in the "us" category.

The apostate church is in the "them" category.

And this is exactly why our Messiah spoke in parables. You see our Messiah is literally teaching the Torah within these parables. He's not teaching his own will, he's not teaching his own word, he's teaching his Father's word which was given in the beginning and this is exactly why it is written that our Father in heaven teaches us the end from the beginning.

When we break down these parables, and when we properly understand them, what we are seeing is exactly what has already been taught in the beginning of the book by his Father!

The parable of the 10 virgins given to us by our Messiah is essentially a Torah teaching. What is the parable of the 10 virgins all about? It's about having the spirit of God within you so that you can be the light of the world. It's about the difference between those who have the light and those who do not have the light. What's the light? The light is the truth! What is the truth? The truth is what Yehovah God the Father has spoken.

Far too many people start out with oil in their lamps in the beginning but

then allow their lamps to run dry. What did our Messiah tell the Assembly in Sardis? He told them to wake up and strengthen what remains and is about to die for he did not find their works complete. He told the Assembly in Laodicea that they had become lukewarm and that he was about to spew them out of his mouth. And he told the Assembly in Ephesus that they had abandoned their first love and that they needed to go back, and do as they had done in the beginning or he would remove their lampstand.

This all has to do with being prepared and keeping oil in our lamps!

And I would also submit to you that the parable of the talents that we are going to examine today is also a Torah teaching.

These parables are not substantiating some newfound religion or some new covenant that God himself has not already proclaimed in Jeremiah chapter 31... which clearly states that our Father in heaven promised to write his law within our hearts.

Furthermore... the eternal covenant that God made with David needs to be properly understood if we are going to even attempt to understand these parables given to us by our Messiah. And to find Yehovah God's eternal covenant with David, all we need to do is turn the **Jeremiah chapter 33 verses 14 through 26; E2**

The Lord's Eternal Covenant with David

Jer 33:14 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Jer 33:15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Jer 33:16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Jer 33:17 "For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,

Jer 33:18 and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever.”

Jer 33:19 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah:

Jer 33:20 “Thus says the LORD: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time,

Jer 33:21 then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers.

Jer 33:22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant, and the Levitical priests who minister to me.”

Jer 33:23 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah:

Jer 33:24 “Have you not observed that these people are saying, ‘The LORD has rejected the two clans that he chose’? Thus they have despised my people so that they are no longer a nation in their sight.

Jer 33:25 Thus says the LORD: If I have not established my covenant with day and night and the fixed order of heaven and earth,

Jer 33:26 then I will reject the offspring of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his offspring to rule over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them.”

Once again, our Father in heaven declares that he will fulfill the promise that he made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. He says it over, and over, and over again. And he even goes so far as to say that the covenant that he made with David in second Samuel chapter 7 is impossible to break. Think about what our Father in heaven is telling us here in Jeremiah chapter 33.

Yehovah God our Father in heaven is telling us right here in Jeremiah chapter 33 that his covenant with David is so impossible to break, that you would first have to break his covenant with the day or break his covenant with the night. You would have to have the power to stop the day or the night from arriving before you could ever even think about breaking God’s covenant promise to David.

And once again that righteous branch that God caused to spring up for David was created by God from David's body. **2nd Samuel 7:12-14**
(scrn 1)

2Sa 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, (David) I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.



Do you think that this is important for us to understand?

The very purpose of these parables according to our Messiah is to reach those who have been chosen. The purpose of parables is to deliver the gospel message of the kingdom of Yehovah to those who have been chosen to hear it. And that gospel message proclaims a chosen set apart people who are willing to repent and return... to Yehovah God and his spoken word.

Let me ask you this quick question... is the gospel message for everyone?

Stop and think about that for just a moment. Is the gospel message for everyone? Because according to our Messiah there is an "us" and there is a "them". **E1**

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What does our Messiah say in Matthew chapter 13 verse 11? He says and I quote, "to you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven... but to them, it has not been given."

Do you see the distinct difference between the "us" and the "them" that our Messiah is speaking about here in Matthew chapter 13? Why do they not see... why do they not hear and why do they not understand? Our Messiah answers that question in the very next verse in Matthew chapter 13 verse 14 he says, and I quote, "indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "you will indeed hear but never understand and you will indeed see but never perceive."

I ask you plainly... are there people in the world today who will indeed hear but never understand and see but never perceive? Because according to our Messiah there is.

And I know that this is a hard pill to swallow for the apostate church who has been shamefully taught that everyone is going to heaven and that there are multiple ways to get there, and that all you have to do is wait for the pre-tribulation rescue or proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God and your free ticket into heaven is punched.

Don't worry about it, your once saved always saved, peace and safety peace and safety they preach and why? Because they indeed hear but never understand and they indeed see but never perceive. And make no mistake about it... it will be those who are preaching peace and safety, peace and safety that sudden destruction will indeed come upon in an hour that they do not know.

Keeping all of these things in mind... Let's now turn to Matthew chapter 25 and let's read through the parable of the talents so that we can know exactly what it says and just as importantly what it does not say.

Matthew chapter 25 verses 14 through 30 E3

The Parable of the Talents

Mat 25:14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.

Mat 25:15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

Mat 25:16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.

Mat 25:17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.

Mat 25:18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

Mat 25:19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Mat 25:20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.'

Mat 25:21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Mat 25:22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.'

Mat 25:23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Mat 25:24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,

Mat 25:25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.'

Mat 25:26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?

Mat 25:27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.

Mat 25:28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.

Mat 25:29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Mat 25:30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

I would submit to you that this parable should be fairly easy to grasp and to understand. But I tell you the truth... there are many people out there who just like our Messiah tells us will indeed hear but never understand and will indeed see but never perceive.

What do the talents represent?

The talents represent money. They represent something extremely valuable. The talent is a metaphor for the truth of God's word. Some people have been given an abundance of the truth of God's word and some people who are still learning only have a smaller portion of the truth of God's word. Why is that?

Because God only gives an abundance of the truth to those who are

doing his truth.

If God gives you a portion of truth, and you do not do that truth, he will not give you any more truth. It is written that we are not to toss our pearls to swine. And this is exactly what is being portrayed here in Matthew chapter 25 in the parable of the talents.

Notice that it is written in Matthew chapter 25 verse 15 that to one person he gave five talents... to another, he gave two talents... and to another, he gave only one talent... each according to his ability.

The one he gave five talents to had an abundance of truth. And what did he do with that truth? He gave that truth to five others who also became precious to our Messiah!

The parable of the talents has everything to do with the fruit that you produce with the truth that you have been given.

If your Father in heaven has given you a portion of his truth, and you mishandle that truth, then even the truth that you have will be taken away from you and this is what we see has happened to the wicked and slothful servant who took his truth and buried it in the ground.

I tell you the truth my friends, the most valuable gold that you will ever possess is indeed the truth of God's word. And when you know that truth, and when you have been enlightened and when you have tasted the heavenly gift and when you have shared in the Ruach Hakodesh the Holy Spirit of God himself and you have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come and then turned around and simply buried that truth in the ground... there is no way to restore you to repentance once you have mishandled that truth, once you have mishandled that precious truth, the truth will be taken from you and you will be counted with the goats. **Hebrews chapter 6 verses four through eight (scrn 2)**

Heb 6:4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit,

Heb 6:5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come,

Heb 6:6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

Heb 6:7 For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God.

Heb 6:8 But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.



What's important for us to understand here in Matthew chapter 25 is that to whom much is given much is expected.

Our Messiah clearly tells us that if we as the salt of the earth lose our saltiness, we are worth nothing more than to be trampled underfoot by men!

If you have no oil within you, and no light in your lamp, then you are worthless! What good is a lamp that does not show the way?

If you take the truth that God has given you and you bury it in the ground or hoard that truth for yourself... then you are producing no fruit! And it is clearly written that every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire!

You see the parable of the talents has everything to do with reproducing the truth that has been given to you. How do you reproduce the truth? You put that truth in someone else's hearing... you plant the seed... you give your light to someone else.

He who does not plant does not grow. And he who does not grow does not eat. And he who does not eat fades away.

Second Peter chapter 2 verses 20 through 22 (scrn 3)

2Pe 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

2Pe 2:21 For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

2Pe 2:22 What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."



The truth of God's word is indeed like gold. And I tell you the truth, the truth of God's word is becoming more difficult to find with each passing day. And those who refuse to love the truth will not be counted as his children. **Second Thessalonians chapter 2 verses nine through 12 (scrn 4)**

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,

2Th 2:10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

2Th 2:11 Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,

2Th 2:12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



You see, it is because they refused to love the truth and so be saved that God sends them a strong delusion so that they may believe what is false. Which brings us very nicely into Matthew chapter 25 where our Messiah shows us the final judgment. And therefore, let's now turn to **Matthew chapter 25 and read verses 31 through 46 E4**

The Final Judgment

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

Mat 25:32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

Mat 25:34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

Mat 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

Mat 25:36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

Mat 25:37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we

see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

Mat 25:38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

Mat 25:39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

Mat 25:40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

Mat 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'

Mat 25:42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,

Mat 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Mat 25:44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'

Mat 25:45 Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

Mat 25:46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Once again, we see here in Matthew chapter 25 verses 31 and 32 that all the nations of the earth will be gathered before our Messiah as he sits upon his throne, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats and he will place the sheep on his right side and the goats on his left.

And, this takes us right back to **Matthew chapter 7 verses 21 through 23 (scrn 5 SHOW ONLY)**

Those Who Yeshua (Jesus) Does Not Know...

Mat 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, ‘**I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.**’



At the final judgment when our Messiah gathers the nations before him to separate the sheep from the goats, there will be people who have been calling him “Lord, Lord”. In other words, they will have confessed that he is the Son of God. But... you see that’s not enough. To honor him with your lips while your heart is far from him... is not enough.

Our Messiah has already told them that they can call him Lord all day long but this does not grant them access to the kingdom of heaven! Because if they truly believed that he was the Son of God... they would have done his Father’s will. And they did not.

Our Messiah tells us very clearly that you can call him Lord all day long but if you are not doing the will of his Father who is in heaven then you are not getting into his kingdom. It’s just that simple

Furthermore, our Messiah has already warned them that on this day during the final judgment many will come to him saying that they have prophesied in his name and saying that they have cast out demons in his name and saying that they have done all kinds of mighty works in his

name only to find out... that they never knew our Messiah and what's worse... is that he never knew them. And why?

Because they were not doing the will of his Father in heaven. And according to our Father in heaven, we are supposed to be taking care of one another.

Are we working to feed the hungry and to welcome the stranger? Are we doing all that we can to clothe the naked and to visit the sick and those in prison? Because all of this is once again part of God's law that is found in the beginning of the book in what is known as his Torah, his law, his spoken word.

Are we praying for one another and are we ministering to one another the truth of God's word?

When someone asks you for something are you quick to say no... or are you quick to give them what they need and then some?

When you see someone in dire straits are you quick to act... or are you quick to make excuses why you can't and turn away? **(scrn 6)**

Mat 5:40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

Mat 5:41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

Mat 5:42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.



Do these red-letter commandments describe us? Or do these red-letter commandments condemn us?

You know, it's extremely easy to make excuses as to why we don't give. It's extremely easy to walk away and keep our money in our pockets. It's extremely easy not to be bothered. It's extremely easy to look down our noses at someone else who is less fortunate than we are. It's extremely easy to roll our eyes and wag our heads and dismiss a plea for help. It's extremely easy to shame someone else whose shoes we have not walked in.

But I tell you the truth my friends... just because something is easy does not make it right. In fact, I would submit to you that what is easy will oftentimes condemn us in the eyes of our Father in heaven.

“Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these... you did not do it to me. And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous... the righteous into eternal life.”

I ask you plainly, is this any different from what our Father in heaven has already taught us in his Torah, his spoken word, clear back in the beginning of the Bible from the book of Genesis to the book of Deuteronomy?

Once again, what is it that our Messiah is preaching and teaching through these parables? He's teaching and preaching the Torah of his Father. And just as he has already told us in Matthew chapter 7, you can call him Lord all day long but that does not mean that you are going to gain entrance into his kingdom. If you are not doing the will of his Father, you are not getting in. You are not going to be standing on his right side with the sheep, you will be standing on his left side with the goats.

These are important concepts to know and to understand. To know the beginning of the book is to know the end of the book. To call our Messiah Lord is indeed a good thing, but it's not enough. It's not that easy. What's the point in calling him Lord if we are not serving him as Lord? What good is calling a king a king if you are not serving the king?

My hope and my prayer is that we will contemplate these things as we journey throughout our lives this week. My hope and my prayer is that we will consider those who ask for a donation, or plea for help, or need a warm blanket, or a hot meal. My hope and my prayer is that we will not be those who make excuses... but those who take action.

My hope and my prayer is that each and every one of us would be able to say... if you've seen me... you've seen my Father. If you see me... you've seen my Messiah and King. If you've seen me... you've seen the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

It truly is a pleasure to sit and read down through the Scriptures. Especially these red-letter Scriptures that give us instruction that comes directly from both our Father in heaven and his only begotten Son, our King.

With all of the evil that we see in the world today, I know that what we see on the horizon often times strikes fear into the hearts of many. But I would submit to you that the only thing that we should fear is Yehovah God and Yehovah God alone.

And if we are found doing what he commands us to do, then there is nothing that can separate us from him. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation will be able to separate us from the love of God and the Messiah Yeshua our King.

And we all know what the biblical definition of the love of God is. (scrn 7)

The Biblical Definition of The Love of God:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.** And his commandments are not burdensome.

Is this what your Pastor is teaching?



Therefore... If this is the biblical definition of the love of God, and nothing can separate us from the love of God, then no human man and no human authority should be able to stop us from keeping his

commandments.

My hope and my prayer is that his law is indeed written across our hearts and in our minds so that we can do them.

And with that being said my friends in closing I will once again ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the proper door can be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.