

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS (Matthew 25:14-30)

I. The Olivet Discourse (Mt 24-25)

A. A General Overview of Israel's Future - the 70th week of Daniel (24:4-14)

B. Highlights of the Tribulation Period

1. The first 3 1/2 years – introduces the Man of Sin, the _____
2. Then the _____ spoken of by Daniel the Prophet.
3. The Great Tribulation – the time of “_____”
4. The _____, _____, and _____ judgments will be God's universal judgments
5. Then the sign of the Son of man _____ in heaven
6. In light of all this, Jesus gives a number of parables – to remind them to be _____ at this time?

a-e. parables already taught

f. The Parable of the Talents (25:14 -30)

1. Again, this is not _____ truth, but truth for the _____ who are living at the end of the tribulation in anticipation of the 2nd Coming.
 2. In chapter 25, the first parable (Virgins) deals with _____ preparation & _____, while in the parable of the talents, its _____ that is emphasized.
 3. God is giving the surviving remnant of Israel one last chance to _____ their faith by means of their _____ as God's chosen people.
- This can be *confusing* as ... we know that no one is saved by their _____, yet good works should flow out of one's _____. (Eph 2:8-10; Titus 3:5-8, 14; James 2:17-18)
4. So, this parable focuses on _____ based on _____ in the gospel of the Kingdom and the consequences that _____ or are dispersed when Christ returns.

5. We see here the difference between the faithful _____ - who will _____ the kingdom and the unfaithful _____ - who will be _____ from the kingdom.

Let's look at this parable: What are the "goods" that they have enjoyed as God's chosen people? (Rom 9:1-5)

- 1) The _____ - They are the chosen people
- 2) The _____ - the shekinah glory that appeared only to them
- 3) The _____ - Abrahamic, Land, Davidic, New
- 4) The _____ of God - Mosaic covenant & all its facets
- 5) The _____ of God - in the tabernacle & later the Temple
- 6) The _____ - the OT & NT scriptures pointing to Christ & His coming Kingdom program
- 7) The _____ - the Patriarchs - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & the prophets through whom the promises & blessings were given
- 8) The _____ of the world - Jesus Christ - who is the blessed _____ in human flesh!

• How does this relate to the parable of the talents?

- 1) To each servant were given talents according to their _____
- 2) The first servant invested His talents and _____ more talents
- 3) The second, _____ his talent treasury as well
- 4) But the third, _____ in the ground

Bottom line: *See # 5 at the top of the page

Application for us today: