

Message



Warnings To The Church

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Message From Joel

- **Warning to Judah/Jerusalem/Church**
 - Similar to the Fall Holy Days of God
- **Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2, 12-16**
 - The prophet Joel's warning preceded the physical Babylonian invasion/captivity of Jerusalem, which was a precursor of the times and conditions of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
 - The warning of Joel is a warning to the Church, "Get ready! Prepare yourselves!" for the testing and trial to come on all mankind.

Context of the Parables: Second Coming

■ **Matthew 24:23-31 / The Glorious Return**

- After the 5th Seal (Great Tribulation), the 6th Seal (Heavenly Signs) and the 7th Seal – The Day of Lord (God's Wrath), Matthew indicates that Jesus Christ will return, in the clouds of the sky. I Thessalonians 4:13-18 indicates the Saints will be resurrected and/or changed and be part of this return

Context of the Parables: Second Coming

■ Fall Holy Days of God and Insight

- Feast of Trumpets - Jesus Christ's return to earth in power, with the resurrected / changed saints
- Revelation 19:11-19
- I Thessalonians 4:13-18
- I Corinthians 15:20-23



Parable of the Fig Tree

■ Matthew 24:32-36

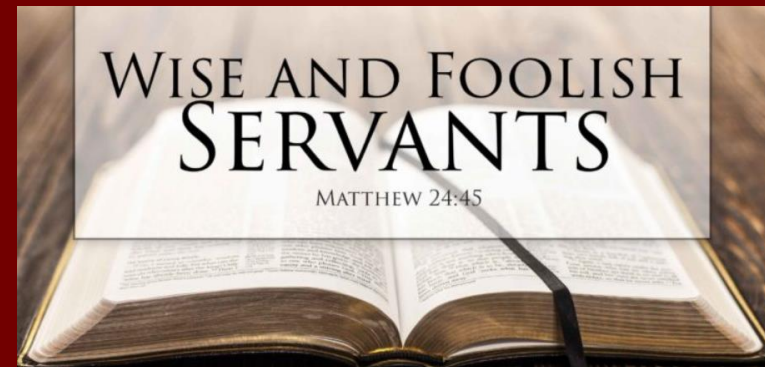
- The parable shows us we should be aware of prophecy, we should keep an eye on what is happening in the world, but it does require – and we should not allow it to become – our primary focus.
- For the physical, we are to be aware, but not over-attentive. For the spiritual, Christ raises the level of vigilance.
- “Take heed to yourselves”
- Be on guard; Your Heart!



Parable of the Faithful and Unfaithful Servants

■ Matthew 24:42-51

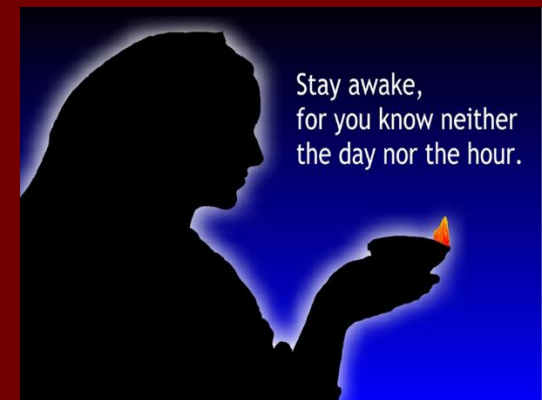
- The parable admonishes us to be faithful and wise in carrying out responsibilities and relationships with our fellow servants, within the church.
- The parable warns us to lead our lives in a way that unites and inspires others to be faithful.
- Links belief with behavior!
- Faithful, Wise and Ready!



Parable of the Ten Virgins

■ Matthew 25:1-13

- The parable pictures the church waiting for the Bridegroom's (Jesus Christ) return. Due to an unexpectedly long delay, He finds half the virgins unprepared, when He arrives.
- Preparedness is an internal state that cannot be transferred to another individual.
- Preparing for eventualities is a lesson of this parable.
- **Attitude and Character!**



Parable of the Talents

■ Matthew 25:14-30

- The parable illustrates that Jesus Christ expects not only faithfulness in duty and preparedness, but He also expects improvement upon what He has given to us.
- The parable insists that our watchfulness not be passive, but must be accompanied by doing God's given duties and the evidence of growth from His investment.
- Our growth is a progression!



Concerning the Times and Seasons...

■ I Thessalonians 5:1-9

- Admonition to be awake, to be sober and to watch. We should take heed to ourselves (Hebrews 10:26-31).
- We are instructed to watch ourselves, so we can fulfil our part of the covenant!
- Simply watching down the road for a sign of the Master's return really does not prepare us for anything at all.



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Warning Messages to the Church

- **Take Heed to Yourselves. Guard Your Heart**
 - Be aware, but don't be distracted from your development!
- **Our lives must link our beliefs to our actions**
 - Faith, Wise and Ready!
- **Preparedness is an internal state that cannot be transferred to another individual**
 - Prepare for eventualities!
- **Our watchfulness should not be passive; it must be accompanied with growth**
 - Our growth is a progression!

**90 Days Until
Are We Preparing?**

