

# “Salvation is Responsibility”

*Matthew 24:32-25:46, Amplified Bible*

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## ***Parable of the Fig Tree*** (Matt 24:32-51)

Your notes:

<sup>32</sup>“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its young shoots become tender and it puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near; <sup>33</sup>so you, too, when you see all <sup>#1</sup>these things [taking place], know for certain that He is near, right <sup>#2</sup>at the door. <sup>34</sup>I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, this generation [the people living when these signs and events begin] will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup>Heaven and earth [as now known] will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

<sup>36</sup>“But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son [in His humanity], but the Father alone. <sup>37</sup>For the coming of the Son of Man (the Messiah) will be just like the days of Noah. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they did not know *or* understand until the flood came and swept them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be [unexpected judgment]. <sup>40</sup> At that time two men will be in the field; one will be <sup>#3</sup>taken [for judgment] and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women *will be* grinding at the mill; one will be taken [for judgment] and one will be left.

## ***Be Ready for His Coming***

<sup>42</sup>“So be alert [give strict attention, be cautious and active in faith], for you do not know which day [whether

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### FOOTNOTES

#1 (Matt 24:33) false christs, wars, famines, earthquakes.

#2 (Matt 24:33) the return of the Christ is imminent

#3 (Matt 24:40) This is not the removal of the church described in 1 Thess 4:13-18 and Rev 3:10. The one taken is taken for judgment just as the wicked were taken by the flood in Noah’s day. The one left is left to enter the kingdom that Christ will establish.

near or far] your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: If the head of the house had known what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore, you [who follow Me] must also be ready; because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him.

<sup>45</sup>“Who then is the faithful and wise servant whom his master has put in charge of his household to give the others [in the house] their food *and* supplies at the proper time? <sup>46</sup>Blessed is that [faithful] servant when his master returns and finds him doing so. <sup>47</sup>I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. <sup>48</sup>But if that servant is evil and says in his heart, ‘My master is taking his time [he will not return for a long while],’ <sup>49</sup>and begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards; <sup>50</sup>the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour of which he is not aware, <sup>51</sup>and will cut him in two and put him with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping [over sorrow and pain] and grinding of teeth [over distress and anger]. [Mat 24:32-51 Amplified Bible].

### ***Parable of Ten Virgins (Matt 25:1-46)***

<sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins, who took their lamps and went to <sup>#4</sup>meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish [thoughtless, silly, and careless], and five were wise [far-sighted, practical, and sensible]. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they did not take any [extra] oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>Now while the bridegroom was delayed, they all began to nod off, and they fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! The bridegroom [is coming]! Go out to meet *him*.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins got up and put their own lamps in order [trimmed the wicks and added oil

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#### FOOTNOTES

<sup>#4</sup> (Matt 25:1) In a procession, the bridegroom and his friends brought the bride from her father’s house to his house where the wedding feast was prepared.

and lit them].<sup>8</sup> But the foolish *virgins* said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’<sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, ‘No, otherwise there will not be enough for us and for you, *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *oil* for yourselves.’<sup>10</sup> But while they were going away to buy *oil*, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut *and* locked.<sup>11</sup> Later the others also came, and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open [the door] for us.’<sup>12</sup> But He replied, ‘I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, I do not know you [we have no relationship].’<sup>13</sup> Therefore, be on the alert [be prepared and ready], for you do not know the day nor the hour [when the Son of Man will come].

### ***Parable of the Talents***

<sup>14</sup>“For it is just like a man who was *about* to take a journey, and he called his servants together and entrusted them with his possessions.<sup>15</sup> To one he gave five <sup>#5</sup>talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and then he went on his journey.<sup>16</sup> The one who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he [made a profit and] gained five more.<sup>17</sup> Likewise the one who had two [made a profit and] gained two more.<sup>18</sup> But the one who had received the one went and dug *a hole* in the ground and hid his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup>“Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.<sup>20</sup> And the one who had received the five talents came and brought him five more, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted to me five talents. See, I have [made a profit and] gained five more talents.’<sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful *and* trustworthy over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; share in the joy of your master.’

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#### FOOTNOTES

<sup>#5</sup> (Matt 25:15) A talent was a measurement of weight, usually 58-80 pounds. One talent of silver was worth more than 15 years’ wages. One talent of gold was worth even more.

<sup>22</sup>“Also the one who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have [made a profit and] gained two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful *and* trustworthy over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; share in the joy of your master.’

<sup>24</sup>“The one who had received one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a harsh *and* demanding man, reaping [the harvest] where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter *seed*. <sup>25</sup>So I was afraid [to lose the talent], and I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is your own.’

<sup>26</sup>“But his master answered him, ‘You wicked, lazy servant, you knew that I reap [the harvest] where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter *seed*. <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have put my money with the bankers, and at my return I would have received my *money* back with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’

<sup>29</sup>“For to everyone who has [and values his blessings and gifts from God, and has used them wisely], more will be given, and [he will be richly supplied so that] he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have [because he has ignored or disregarded his blessings and gifts from God], even what he does have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And throw out the worthless servant into the outer darkness; in that place [of grief and torment] there will be weeping [over sorrow and pain] and grinding of teeth [over distress and anger].

### ***The Judgment***

<sup>31</sup>“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory *and* majesty and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before Him [for judgment]; and He will separate them from one another, as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats; <sup>33</sup>and He will put the sheep on

His right [the place of honor], and the goats on His left [the place of rejection].

<sup>34</sup>“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father [you favored of God, appointed to eternal salvation], inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; <sup>36</sup>*I was* naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me [with help and ministering care]; I was in prison, and you came to Me [ignoring personal danger].’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see You as a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ <sup>40</sup>The King will answer and say to them, ‘I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least of *them*, you did it for Me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Leave Me, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels (demons); <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry, and you gave Me *nothing* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me [with help and ministering care].’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also [in their turn] will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or as a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ <sup>45</sup>Then He will reply to them, ‘I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, to the extent that you did not do it for one of the least of these [my followers], you did not do it for Me.’ <sup>46</sup>Then these [unbelieving people] will go away into eternal (unending) punishment, but those who are righteous *and* in right standing with God [will go, by His remarkable grace] into eternal (unending) life.” [Mat 25:1-46 Amplified Bible].

## ***“How to Interpret Scripture”***

### ***Three things to always apply when studying Scripture:***

1. *Contextually* – study Scripture within the context of the entire Bible.
  2. *Literally* – read Scripture literally – what do the words actually mean.
  3. *Historically* – understand Scripture within its historical/chronological context.
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### ***The character of Yeshua according to His Word:***

1. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, & forever,” [Heb 13:8; Malachi 3:6]
  2. “God is not a man that He should lie,” [Num 23:19; Heb 6:18]
  3. Do not add or subtract from the Scriptures, [Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19]
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### ***Key Scriptures to Interpret the Bible***

Matt 28:18-20 – this is after His resurrection.

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:6-8 – after Yeshua’s resurrection, He spoke to His disciples about the restoration of Israel.

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

John 3:36 – the book of John stated that obedience is key to eternal life:

<sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

1 John 2:3-6 - the Apostle John asked, “Do you really know God?”:

<sup>3</sup>And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup>Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup>but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup>whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. [Note: Yeshua perfectly kept the Torah; likewise, we also need to &, thereby, stop sinning.]

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## Timeline

Pre-30AD - <i>Rabbinic tradition</i>	30AD – <i>Resurrection / Pentecost</i>	40AD – <i>Peter’s vision &amp; Cornelius (Acts 10)</i>	50AD – <i>Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)</i>	325AD – <i>Council of Nicaea</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oral Law</li> <li>○ Customs of Moses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to <u>Jews</u> <i>only</i> who came up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 years after Pentecost</li> <li>○ Outpouring of Holy Spirit on <u>Gentiles</u> <i>only</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 years after Acts 10</li> <li>○ Jerusalem Council – discussion about Gentiles’ salvation &amp; circumcision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Under the auspices of Constantine</li> <li>○ Only Gentile bishops were allowed – Jews could not attend</li> </ul>