READY FOR HIS COMING

Matthew 25:1–30

Key Verse: 25:21

1. How is the bridegroom’s coming described (5a), and of what is it an allegory? How are the foolish and wise virgins contrasted? (2–4) In this context, what does it mean to be foolish or wise? What happens? (5)
2. When they hear the call to meet the bridegroom, what do the foolish virgins try to do? (6–9) What happens, and what does it portray? (10) What do the foolish virgins say, how does the bridegroom reply, and why? (11,12; cf. 7:21–23,26–27) What can we learn from this parable about how to be ready for his coming? (13)
3. In Jesus’ next parable, what do the bags of gold represent? (14,15) What do the three servants do, and what does this show about each? (16–18) What happens after a long time? (19) What does it mean to “settle accounts”?
4. What does the first servant say? (20) Read verse 21. In this case, what does it mean to be a “faithful servant”? What is the master’s promise? Why is it important to be faithful with a few things? What happens to the second servant, and what does this show about the master? (22,23)
5. What does the third servant say, and what does this show about him? (24,25) How does his master rebuke him, and what can we learn from this? (26,27) What principle does the master follow? (28–30) What can we learn from this parable about how to be ready for his coming?