

***The Olivet Discourse 6: How to Be Ready for Second Coming***  
**Matthew 24:45-25:13**

**I. Introduction:** My childhood prayers about the *end of the world*

Clarification about the “any moment” return of Christ

The context of preparedness: *Be Ready!* (Mt 24:43-44)

The main characters of both stories:

The Absent-but-Coming One, those waiting for him

**II. A faithful and wicked servant-leader (24:45-51)**

The *faithful* (loyal, trustworthy) and *wise* (thoughtful) servant

Application for Christian leaders: husbands, parents, employers, church leaders

*Give food* (faithful) at the *proper time* (wise)

The wicked (unbelieving) servant is morally lax and brutal in his relationships

Application for Christian leaders – learn from those who fell

**III. The ten bridesmaids (25:1-12)**

The delayed coming of the groom

Ten bridesmaids, all of whom have lamps and are waiting

A warning of “unBlessed Assurance” – professing Christians who say, “Lord, Lord!”

Secondary lessons from the parable

Grace cannot be transferred

Once the door to eternal life is closed, it cannot be reopened

**IV. Are you ready for His coming? (25:13)**

Plan to live a long life, and enjoy the blessings of this life

Do not become cynical, thinking that Jesus will never come

Live a life that is “otherworldly”