

SUNDAY EVENING

Dr. Michael Barrett

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 1

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 25:14-30

Reading of the Athanasian

Creed, part 2

Prayer

Psalter 139

Sermon Text: Isaiah 61:2

Now or Never

1. *The day of opportunity*

2. *The day of reckoning*

Psalter 93:1-3 (standing)

Sermon Conclusion

Closing Prayer

Psalter 255

Doxology (Psalter 196)

Benediction

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1. *What caution should be exercised in interpreting parables?*
2. *How do the parables in Matthew relate to his particular emphasis in the Gospel?*
3. *What Old Testament text sums up the message of the parable of the talents?*
4. *What is the literal meaning of the word "talent?"*
5. *How should the talent be interpreted in the parable? What does it refer to symbolically?*
6. *In what sense is faith risky?*
7. *What is the principal evidence that the amount of the talents is not the crucial issue in the parable?*
8. *What is the principal lesson of the parable and what is its personal application?*