

Readings from Matthew chapter 25—April 17th-23rd, 2022

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. ³ Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘*No*, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. ¹¹ “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹² But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Sunday: What did the wise virgins do? Give thanks with Grace (Gibsonia, Pa.) RPC for the Lord’s provision of two new deacons in 2021; pray that more might be added to that number. **Pray** with Airdrie (Scotland) RPC for the in-person resumption of Kids Club this week.

Monday: What did the foolish virgins do? Pray for the Lord to build Treasure Valley (Meridian, Idaho) RPC both in numbers and in relationships. **Give thanks** for those who are continuing to be gathered at North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC.

Tuesday: Who is the bridegroom in this parable? Pray for a smooth transition for a family relocating to the Dallas–Fort Worth area and joining Dallas, Tex., RPC. **Pray** for the students at RPTS who will soon be graduating; **pray** that those who haven’t yet received a call would soon be called into the ministry.

Wednesday: Read and reflect on Revelation 21:1-8. Pray that Atlanta, Ga., RPC would, from its strategic downtown location, be an effective witness to the city of Atlanta. **Pray** for Phoenix (Ariz.) RPC, and especially for Pastor Chris Myers and his wife and family.

Thursday: The basic problem for the foolish virgins was a lack of being prepared. How can you be prepared for Jesus’ coming? Pray for growth in godliness at Grace (State College, Pa.) RPC, especially through men’s and women’s Bible study. **Pray** that all would go smoothly for Zach and Wilma Dotson, as they prepare to leave for Australia, where he has been called as a pastor in Tasmania.

Friday: What does it mean for Jesus not to know someone? See also Matthew 7:13-23. Please pray for community outreach ideas at Hazleton Area, Pa., RPC. **Pray** for spiritual revival to sweep this state and nation. **Pray** for the raising up of Reformed Presbyterian congregations throughout the South.

Saturday: How much warning will we have of His return? Give thanks with Orlando, Fla., RPC for all the blessings of the past year. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, that many would attend and many brought to genuine faith.

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship
4:15

*The Invocation

*Psalm 40C

Scripture Reading

*Psalm 2
Rage?"

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 37A "Have No Disturbing Thoughts About Those Doing Wickedly"

Scripture Text

The Sermon

*Prayer

*Psalm 138B

*Benediction

*Psalm 150B

Hebrews

"O Lord My God"

Daniel 3:13-30

"Why Do Heathen Nations

Proverbs 29

"Fear of Man, Trust in God"

"With All My Heart My Thanks I'll Bring"

"Praise the Lord! Praise God in His Sanctuary"

* Congregation will please stand.

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

"For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."—Revelation 7:17. "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."—I Thessalonians 1:2. "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."—Leviticus 19:2.

Q. 1 What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Q. 2 What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3 What do the Scriptures principally teach? A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

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Proverbs 29:25

"Fear of Man, Trust in God"

Theme: Solomon contrasts fearing man and trusting God.

I. Fear of Man

A. What does this entail?

1. Literally, acting as a result of being afraid
2. Being in awe of men, so as not to want to displease them

B. The result: it brings a snare

1. Leads to numerous sins
2. Guarantees certain punishment

II. Trust in God

A. What does this mean?

1. Adhering to His standards
2. Self-consciously desiring to please Him
3. Relying upon Him for protecting from the ways of men

4. The root: trusting Him for salvation

B. The result: safety [“set on high”]

1. Safe from all the power of man and the fear of that power

2. Safe from the eternal punishment of hell

3. Safe from God’s fatherly displeasure

Application

A. Don’t be afraid of what man can do to you

B. The Lord Jesus had to walk this gauntlet

1. He had to face His enemies

2. He did so while not having the Father’s comfort

3. He is able to go with us through the fiery trials of life

C. How do you know if you’re really trusting in God?

1. Fruit will result

2. You’ll have a deep desire to please God and take pleasure in

Him

3. Wherever He leads, you will be willing to follow

4. Whatever He says, you will be willing to listen and to obey