



Worship in the Word

Declaring the Whole Counsel of God Verse By Verse

Matthew 25:14-30 **Always Be Faithful**



I. The Master Gives an Assignment (14-15)

Kingdom of heaven –

δοῦλος (doulos) –

Talent –

Romans 12:3-8 –

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 –

II. The Servants Take the Assignment (16-17)

1 Corinthians 3:8 –

III. The Master Returns and Holds them Accountable (19-30)

A. The Guarantee of the Lord's Return

Matthew 24:27-31 –

Acts 1:9-11 –

B. The Reward Promised to Faithful Servants

1 Timothy 4:6-8 –

C. The Judgement that Falls on the Unfaithful Servants

Hebrews 3:12-4:11 –

Matthew 25:14-30

Application Questions

1. How important is it to you that Jesus is your Master? What practical implications does this fact have?
2. What "talents" has the Master entrusted you with? How are you using those talents for His kingdom? How can you do better? How can we help?
3. How do you know if you are the faithful servant or the unprofitable servant? How could other members of the church help you figure that out? What should you do if you find that you are the unprofitable servant?
4. Read Hebrews 3:12-4:11. To whom was this warning/promise written? What is the warning given in 3:12? How do we fight the "evil heart of unbelief" according to verse 13? What is the promise of verse 14? According to 4:2, what important thing were the OT people lacking?

Preparation Questions

Matthew 25:31-44

The Sheep and the Goats

1. How does Jesus describe Himself in verse 31? To what event is He referring? Who is with Him and what does He do?
3. In verse 32, who is gathered together? What does Christ do with "all the nations"? What is the significance of the description of them as "sheep" and "goats"?
3. How are the sheep described in verse 34? What actions characterized their lives according to verses 35-36?
4. How are the goats described in verse 41? What actions characterized their lives according to verses 42-43? In both cases, how does Jesus portray their actions?

Memory Verse

Ephesians 4:26 - "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath.

Catechism

Question 85: What is the tenth commandment?

A: The tenth commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's."

Scripture: Exodus 20:17.