

Lesson 27: Matthew 25:1–46

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- I. **Proper Preparation—the parable of the 10 virgins:** Matthew 25:1–13
Principle: Every person must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Zechariah 4:2–6

² He asked me, “What do you see?” I answered, “I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lights on it, with seven channels to the lights. ³ Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.” ⁴ I asked the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” ⁵ He answered, “Do you not know what these are?” “No, my lord,” I replied. ⁶ So he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.

John 3:5–6

⁵ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

Romans 8:9

⁹ You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:21–22

²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

- II. **Productive Work—the parable of the talents:** Matthew 25:14–30
Principle: True love of Jesus is a life worked to profit Him not ourselves.
- III. **Powerful Judgment—the parable of the sheep and goats:** Matthew 25:31–46
Principle: The last judgment will be according to the evidence of our lives.

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