

Jesus is Coming Again: Midnight Cry
Matthew 25:1–13

The Historical Background of the Parable

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Principles from the Parable

- 1. Jesus's return may delay longer than you expect.**

The central point of Jesus' parable is one simple warning: When you are surprised by my return, have your Christian life in such order that you are always prepared.

- 2. Spiritual preparation for Christ's return is non-transferrable.**

“And perhaps we are to understand that there is something in the coincidence of the lamps going out just as the Bridegroom arrived. Mere outward religion is found to have no illuminating power.”-A. T. Robertson

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ (Matthew 7:21–23)

- 3. Be alertly preparing for the return of Christ.**

Jonathan Edward's resolutions:

7. Resolved, never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do, if it were the last hour of my life.

19. Resolved, never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do, if I expected it would not be above an hour, before I should hear the last trump.