

August 4, 2024
Matthew 24:45-25:13
“Reservations”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

It is useless to set the day of Jesus' coming and it is folly to neglect it. *A. T. Robertson*

A light or torch without fuel, is worthless. Jesus is letting people know that a profession of Jesus without a saving relationship with Him is drastically more worthless.

The 5 who were not ready represent a large, significant number of people who will not know Jesus personally. The Bible speaks of a form of godliness, but no life because they do not belong to God. People may know some things about God, they may be big wigs in the church, committed to the church, and have an emotional connection to the things of God. They have a strong appearance of faith but their faith is dead. On their day they will hear the words like we have in our passage today in **v 12**, I don't know you. Peter wrote a word of warning on this, "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble." **II Peter 1:10** NIV

Jesus warned through His teaching in this way repeatedly. Remember the wheat and the tares, the good and bad soil, two in a field one taken and one left? For some, the ones with the big surprise on their faces will be those who THOUGHT they were ready. We must do the same, warn those who are on the wrong path. These 5 had crashed the party, they had on proper attire, from a distance they all looked the same. It's all about the heart. In a moment of horror, they will realize their eternal mistake. This is talking about events at the Lord's Second Coming; but this can be applied to anyone within the sound of my voice who is lost in their sins. Jesus took longer to answer the questions at the beginning of **chapter 24** than any others, must be important. Be ready!

Application:

V 10, some went in by grace, others **v 11**, came to the door demanding and shouting, something the ones with oil did not have to do. Got life? When it comes to the things of God, some say in their hearts, I have my reservations. They question if this is real, they question if they are willing to humble themselves and become a follower of Jesus Christ. On the other hand some will thankfully and readily admit, I have my reservations made. I know that I have a home in heaven. **Joshua 24:15** instructs, choose you this day whom you will serve. Today is the day of salvation. Jesus is the only Way, He is Truth, He is Life, choose Him today before it is everlasting too late.