

# The Servant, Virgins and Assumptions

Matthew 24; 1 and 2 Thessalonians

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**Matthew 24:29** "But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken,  
<sup>30</sup> and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

<sup>31</sup> "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

## The Lesson of the Fig Tree

<sup>32</sup> "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;

<sup>33</sup> even so you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door.

<sup>34</sup> "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

<sup>35</sup> "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

## The Lesson of the Flood

<sup>36</sup> "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

<sup>37</sup> "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.

<sup>38</sup> "For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

<sup>39</sup> and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

<sup>40</sup> "Then there shall be two men in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

<sup>41</sup> "Two women *will be* grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

<sup>42</sup> "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

<sup>43</sup> "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

<sup>44</sup> "For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.

## The Lesson of the Servant

<sup>45</sup> "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?

<sup>46</sup> "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

<sup>47</sup> "Truly I say to you, that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

<sup>48</sup> "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,'

<sup>49</sup> and shall begin to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;

<sup>50</sup> the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour which he does not know,

<sup>51</sup> and shall cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; weeping shall be there and the gnashing of teeth.

## The Lesson of the Virgins

**25:1** "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup> "And five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.

<sup>3</sup> "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

<sup>4</sup> but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.

<sup>5</sup> "Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and *began* to sleep.

<sup>6</sup> "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him*.'

<sup>7</sup> "Then all those virgins rose, and trimmed their lamps.

<sup>8</sup> "And the foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

<sup>9</sup> "But the prudent answered, saying, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.'

<sup>10</sup> "And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> "And later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.'

<sup>12</sup> "But he answered and said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.'

<sup>13</sup> "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

## 1 and 2 Thessalonians

### "those who are asleep"

**1 Thessalonians 4:13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope.

<sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

### "the times and the epochs"

**5:1** Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.

<sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

<sup>3</sup> While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

<sup>4</sup> But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief;

<sup>5</sup> for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

<sup>6</sup> so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

<sup>7</sup> For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.

<sup>8</sup> But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

<sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

<sup>10</sup> who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

### "when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day"

**2 Thessalonians 1:3** We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is *only* fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows *ever* greater;

<sup>4</sup> therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

<sup>5</sup> *This is* a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.

<sup>6</sup> For after all it is *only* just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

<sup>7</sup> and *to give* relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

<sup>8</sup> dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

<sup>10</sup> when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed-- for our testimony to you was believed.

<sup>11</sup> To this end also we pray for you always that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power;

<sup>12</sup> in order that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **"the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him"**

**2:1** Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him,

<sup>2</sup> that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

<sup>3</sup> Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

<sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

<sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

<sup>6</sup> And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed.

<sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.

<sup>8</sup> And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

<sup>9</sup> *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

<sup>10</sup> and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

<sup>11</sup> And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false,

<sup>12</sup> in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.