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### **Matthew 25:1-29**

<sup>1</sup>Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup>Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup>And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' <sup>12</sup>But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. <sup>14</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. <sup>15</sup>And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. <sup>16</sup>Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. <sup>17</sup>And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' <sup>21</sup>His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' <sup>22</sup>He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' <sup>23</sup>His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' <sup>24</sup>Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup>And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. <sup>27</sup>So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.'

### **God's character**

#### **Psalm 119:89-90 NASB**

<sup>89</sup>Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. <sup>90</sup>Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands.

#### **Psalm 89:8 NASB**

<sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

### **God's love**

#### **Psalm 92:1-2 NASB**

<sup>1</sup>It is good to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; <sup>2</sup>To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night.

#### **Psalm 33:3-5 NASB**

<sup>3</sup>Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy. <sup>4</sup>For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. <sup>5</sup>He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the LORD.

## Our attitude

### **Psalm 37:3-4 NASB**

<sup>3</sup>Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. <sup>4</sup>Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart.

### **Psalm 100:4-5 NASB**

<sup>4</sup>Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; His loving-kindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.

### **I Thessalonians 5:16-24 NASB**

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always; <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing; <sup>18</sup>in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit; <sup>20</sup>do not despise prophetic utterances. <sup>21</sup>But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.