

Stay Ready

Matthew 25:1-13

In Matthew 24, in Jesus' final days with His disciples,
He warns them that difficult days lie ahead for them.
In the process, He sketches the end times,
then drives home this one central message:

"Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. 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. For this reason you must be ready as well; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will." (Matthew 24:42-44, NASB)

The most important matter in all time and eternity is to
be ready when Christ returns.
But no one can possibly know when He will return.
So how can we be certain to be ready?

Matthew 25:1-13, the parable of the ten virgins,
answers that question:

The only sure way to BE ready
is to STAY ready.

Five young women were wise.
They made sure they were ready for the coming of the Bridegroom
by bringing extra oil for their lamps.
Even though the Bridegroom was delayed,
they were prepared.

Five young women were foolish.
They were unprepared, and
as a result,
they were left
in the darkness,
forever outside.
They missed their entire purpose for being there.
How sad!

But our situation is infinitely more serious.
STAY READY for Jesus Christ!

Hymn: [Ready](#)