



Preparation for the End Time 2018 Q2 Lesson 7 Matthew 24 and 25

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“Moses said to them, “This is the food that the Lord has given you to eat. The Lord has commanded that each of you is to gather as much of it as he needs, two quarts for each member of his household.”

“The Israelites did this, some gathering more, others less. When they measured it, those who gathered much did not have too much, and those who gathered less did not have too little. Each had gathered just what he needed.” Exodus 16:15-18 (GNT)

Memory Text: “For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect” Matthew 24:24 NIV

SABBATH

Christ tells what is going to happen in the future

- He answered the question

He gave additional parables of the end times and His second coming.

- If heeded, the parables would prepare his followers for whatever they were to face: The destruction of Jerusalem and the temple for his first century followers and for His coming for his end of the age believers.

SUNDAY

A Powerful Confirmation of Prophecy

Text of the day: Matthew 24:1 - 25

“Christ is concerned with deceptions that will confuse His people through the ages and into the end time.”

Why? Because he is concerned for His children, both for those who believe and trust in Him and for those who are confused and diverted by sin.

Third paragraph: We have seen . . .

- Have you seen a false Christ?
- Have you been tempted to believe a false Christ?
- What is a false Christ?

Christ - anointed one

Christ was the “anointed one”

Who else is anointed?



Anointed by whom?
Anointed for what purpose?
what will help us determine if the anointed one is “false”?
the type of ceremony?
the one who anoints?
the qualifications of the one anointed?
The qualifications of the one doing the anointing?
Does it help if there are “manifestations” that verify the anointing?
what would qualify the process as being genuine?
If you had Christ do the anointing?

Judas, Simon Magus

What are the dangers that I/we face when we think we have not seen such?

What are the characteristics of a false Christ that will tip you off to the lie/deception/etc?

Is the location of the person’s feet have anything to do with your confidence?

If Lucifer is the smartest created being in the universe, do you think his trick / temptation / false ideas will have much to do with where his feet are when you see him?

Christ said (Matthew 24:24 GNT “For false Messiahs and false prophets will appear; they will perform great miracles and wonders in order to deceive even God's chosen people, if possible.”

What are the characteristics you are looking for to make a decision?

- Bible based
- If they are quoting scripture, are they to be trusted?
- No coercion
- Other centered love
- manner of coming
- goals
- Any others? (Galatians 1:8, 9)

How are these above counterfeited?

How can you prepare for determining the counterfeit?

- concentrate on the original
- practice discerning the originals attributes

It does not help to concentrate on a phony if that is not the phony we are going to be given to examine

- the Maginot line
- Evan’s mustache clip
- my father’s whistle: then and now



Devil diversions

- Red devil with a forked tail
- Christ temptations in the wilderness
- Devil as an angel of light and assistance

It is by spending time with our heavenly Father that we will recognize His voice, His ways, His character

At the bottom of the page read Matthew 24:25 **“What can we take away from this that should help us in our faith?”**

- “Listen! I have told you this ahead of time.” Matthew 24:25
- Why did Christ tell us this as He did?
- To some it sounds like “I told you so!”
- Others: “Now you are responsible since you have been told.”
- Christ’s last discussion with His disciples before He left the upper room and last supper:
 - John 14:15 - 31 He speaks of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the help that we would receive from His presence.
 - In this discourse Christ speaks a lot about obedience and love. He also speaks about the Holy Spirit’s functions.

“I have told you this now before it all happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe.”
John 14:29

- What are we to believe?
- The Greek word means believe or to entrust in someone.
- Amplified Bible “And now I have told you [this] before it occurs, so that when it does take place you may believe and have faith in and rely on Me.

MONDAY

Enduring to the End

"Then you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and be put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. Matthew 24:9 (GNT with Deuterocanon)

The second beast was allowed to breathe life into the image of the first beast, so that the image could talk and put to death all those who would not worship it. Revelation 13:15 (GNT with Deuterocanon)

Read the first paragraph: “Christ’s concern . . .”

- Is Christ really concerned for a global deception?
- Isn’t really Christ concerned for His children in whatever state of comprehension they are in?



- God's children in the end times will not face anything that His children haven't faced before.
- Christ is concerned that I am ready for what may happen to me. How am I ready?

By placing my trust in Him

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way." Proverbs 3:5 (GNT)

He doesn't tell us the bad things about the future to make us worry or fret.

- He knows the future and we are to put our trust in Him.
- This will take endurance.

How do you increase your endurance?

- Running
- Swimming
- Reading
- Praying
- Walking with Him

Texts for endurance

Revelation 1:9 (GNT) "I am John, your brother, and as a follower of Jesus I am your partner in patiently enduring the suffering that comes to those who belong to his Kingdom. I was put on the island of Patmos because I had proclaimed God's word and the truth that Jesus revealed."

Revelation 13:10 (GNT) "Whoever is meant to be captured will surely be captured; whoever is meant to be killed by the sword will surely be killed by the sword. This calls for endurance and faith on the part of God's people."

Revelation 14:12 - one of the church's favorite passages is about the terrible things that the wicked will be experiencing around the righteous. The witnessing of this wickedness is what is prompting the need for endurance on the part of God's children.

Matthew 7:24 - 27 the builder of the house upon the rock. Read the last paragraph: "As important as it is to be grounded. . ." Then read the colored section at the bottom.

If this is true, why is it true? This is natural law

Like learning a foreign language; you have to use it to make it part of your brain pathways. It is only by practice that your life skills in righteousness will become automatic.



TUESDAY

The “Abomination of Desolation”

The “terrible horror” The “horror that destroys”

If the “dreadful desecration” set up in the Holy Place was in Christ’s time.

- What is it to be now?
- How does our current understanding match with our understanding of the temple?

WEDNESDAY

The Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1 – 13 Thoughts about the parable

- It is about Christians
- All of the Christians slept
- They thought there was a delay in the Lord’s (bridegroom) coming
- The difference between the wise and the foolish: the amount of oil they had prepared in advance
- Oil is referred to the Holy Spirit

Do we buy it? How? Do we store it? How?

- The bridegroom’s coming was a surprise (in timing) to both groups

Both groups were wanting Him to come. Both groups “went out to meet Him”

Read the seventh paragraph (quote from Christ’s Object Lessons pg 411) “The spirit works . . .”

Does this sound like an arbitrary condition or a result of natural processes?

THURSDAY

Using Your Talents

Matthew 25:13 – 30 Parable of the talents

Thoughts regarding the parable

- All the servants received a responsibility
- The difference is in what each servant did with the given responsibility

Questions:

- Was the character of the “master” different toward each servant?
- Was the perception of the master different between each servant?
- Who was accurate about the master’s character?



- Did the “lazy” servant ever agree in principle the dealings of the master to him?

Will the wicked ever see the Lord as being righteous?

Every knee will bow, but will it be an acknowledgement of righteousness or power?

Is it the use of power that will be their ultimate destruction?

The single talent servant:

- Didn't use / utilize to the benefit of the landowner his goods
- Did he waste the resource?

Can we give to others our talent/responsibility?

- What does it mean that he could have taken the talent to the bank?
- Could the servant have taken the talent to the bank? (What is the alternative to what he did with the talent / resource?)

FRIDAY

Further Thoughts

Read the final paragraph from Christ's Object Lessons pp 355, 356 at top of page. “He that is faithful in that which is least”