

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE  
**ARE YOU READY?**  
*The Parable of the Wise & Foolish Virgins*  
**Matthew 25:1-13**

We confess in the Creeds that we believe Christ is “coming again to judge the living and the dead .....” Do we really believe that/ Do we live as those who truly believe that?

The parables of Matthew 25 against the background of chapter 24.

- 1. The Bridegroom is coming for His bride.**
- 2. Woe to those who are not ready when He comes.**
- 3. Be prepared, be alert, look forward with joy.**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> **waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,** <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. **Titus 2 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> ... the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> **But you** are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. .... <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**1 Thessalonians 4 (ESV)**