

Refrigerator Notes 09 November 2014

'Are You the One'

Text Matthew 25:1-13

1. The parable cited by Jesus in the text is Allegorical and Symbolic, which represents various Christian truths
2. The parable itself deals with the second coming of Christ and it is directed towards the faithful and unfaithful Christians in the church
3. Despite our constant preoccupation with the future, we are often unprepared for what comes next in life
4. We are always thinking that we got time to get our life in order — when time becomes the enemy
5. Often time we are unprepared for something that takes longer than we anticipated, sometimes premature ending takes us by surprise
6. We feel we have time to mend a relationship, to achieve an important goal, to discontinue a bad habit or begin a good one, to take care of ourselves, to develop our relationship with God, to read important books, to take a stand or to show someone we care about how much we care
7. The shocking fact is that we Christians believe in Jesus Christ, but we are not entirely ready to submit our lives to being faithful to our Lord (having a true relationship as opposed to a make believe one)
8. Our Lord reminds us that "Be faithful, praying always, having your lamps trimmed and burning and oil with you, that you may be ready at the coming of the Bridegroom (Jesus Christ)
9. Each item spoken about in the parable has a significant meaning for Christians, i.e. the virgins, lamps, bridegroom, vessels, gates, and the oil itself (indicative of Christ and the Church)
10. Most interesting is that the Virgins represent the church — all whom are God's elect, but not all will see the kingdom of God
11. Because we are not all prepared to enter the gates of God's kingdom
12. No doubt, the thrust of this parable is that Christ will return at an unknown hour and that His people must be ready to go with Him
13. Being ready means prepared for whatever contingency arises in our lives and keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus
14. We may be dreaming, working, eating, sleeping or pursuing worldly pleasures/activities, whatever it is, we must be doing it in such a way that we don't have to make things right when our Lord comes
15. The litmus test — I believe is, don't ignore the warning, use your earthly time wisely, and Be ever ready. The Father is not going to give the reward of eternal and immortal life to a person that rejects and disdains His call and refuses to be faithful to Him and His son
16. Seriously, we have to be working to be the one that God elects to take with Him! It starts by being a faithful servant