

Parables of Matthew 24:42-25:46

Text(s)	Theme	Message
24:42-44 & Lk 12:39-40	Thief in the night	Jesus returns unexpectedly
24:45-50 & Lk 12:42-46	Wicked Steward	Jesus returns later than expected
25:1-13	Wise/foolish virgins	Jesus returns sooner than expected; Lack of preparation = lack of love
25:14-30 & Lk 19:11-27 Mk 13:34	Talents distributed	Jesus returns with reward/punishment
25:31-46	Sheep and Goats	Jesus returns with punishment/reward

NOTE: The parables that Luke places in different contexts have some different emphases and implications. These are not major differences but the reader should understand each parable in its context and be aware of the versatility of these metaphors.