

Matt 24-25: Be Ready for Judgment by listening to Jesus

3. Preparation for the last day 24:45-25:30

Introduction

- The heart of the New Testament gospel: Acts 10:42
- Everyone will face the judgment seat of Christ – Matt 25:32
- who then is faithful and wise servant who will be prepared for his master's return?

The answer: given in 3 parables about what do if there is delay:

NB Mathew's symmetry

being

1. Sure of the master's promise (middle one, 25:1-13);

- faithful and wise servants are prepared, not presumptuous about the Lord's return

therefore

2. Serving the master's people (24:45-51)

- faithful and wise servants are responsible, not reckless in their attitude to the master's household

3. Sharing the master's purpose (25:14-30)

- faithful and wise servants are ambitious, not apathetic about the mission of the Kingdom

.....all this is really the evidence that someone truly **Savours the master's presence**

- really knowing and loving the Lord Jesus himself