

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## Accountability to God

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### I. Introduction

- A. **Matthew 25** - "Get ready for time of accountability!"
  1. Starts in **Matthew 24:1-3** - A time of judgment on Jerusalem
  2. His Point: Be ready for judgment!!!! - **Matthew 24:42,44**
  3. Three pictures: (1) Ten Virgins; (2) Talents; (3) Sheep/Goats
- B. Because you can't talk about ACCOUNTABILITY without talking about RESPONSIBILITY

### II. Recognizing Our Responsibility: **Matthew 25:14-18**

- A. The Man Had a Job to Be Done: Had a business to run
- B. What Is God's Business?
  1. **Ephesians 1:5-6** - The praise of His grace
  2. **2 Timothy 2:2** - Teaching / Influencing others
  3. **John 4:34** - There is work to do
  4. TO BRING SOULS to GOD
- C. "Entrusted" with God's Business
  1. **Luke 2:49**: "...be about my Father's business?"
  2. Talent = A lifetime of wealth - **2 Peter 1:3** - all we need
  3. God knows you - what you have - **Esther 4:14** - a time as this
  4. **2 Corinthians 6:4-10** - "...by the weapons of righteousness.."
- D. All this adds up to... RESPONSIBILITY

### III. Our Response to Our Responsibility

- A. Abuse My Gifts (Selfish Use of Gifts)
  1. **Matthew 24:45-51** - Abused what was given him - Selfish
  2. **Ex**: Judas Iscariot - what a gift - abused
- B. Preserve My Gifts
  1. **Matthew 25:18** - Hid it in the ground
  2. **Matthew 25:24-25** - Fear of expectations (living up to them)
  3. Being CAREFUL: **Mark 3:1-5** - Do NOTHING
  4. DO something: **Matthew 25:26-30** - there is a purpose
- C. Use My Gifts to Do God's Will
  1. **Matthew 25:20-23** - Good and faithful - did the master's will
  2. **Apply**: How many souls are in YOUR hands???

### IV. Conclusion: The scariest verse: **Matthew 25:19** - Accountability