

Treasure Hunt

- What is the central theme of the parables of the days of Noah and the Thief?
- How can the Scriptures themselves help us understand the implications of the Lord's statement about "marrying and giving in marriage"?
- Compare and contrast the meanings of the words translated "take away" in v. 39 and vv. 40-41.
- What OT stories illustrate men and women being "taken" from their associates in the sense of vv. 40-41, and to what does this taking refer?
- Isn't it unseemly for the Lord to depict himself as a thief in v. 43?
- Whom does the servant represent in 24:45-51?
- What practical lesson does he teach for us today?

Six Parables about Preparedness

Parable	Theme	Time is unknown	Command to watch	Time may be long
24:32-36, The Fig Tree	It <i>will</i> happen	24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man ,		
24:37-42, The Days of Noah	The <i>time</i> is unknown	24:39 they ... knew not ; ... 42 ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.	24:42 Watch therefore ...	
24:43-44, The Thief		24:43 ...if [he] had known ... 44 in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.	24:44 Therefore be ye also ready ...	
24:45-51, Faithful vs. Evil Steward	It may be <i>delayed</i> <i>Two kinds of disciples</i>	24:50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for <i>him</i> , and in an hour that he is not aware of,		24:48 My lord delayeth his coming;
25:1-13, Wise vs. Foolish Virgins		25:13 ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.	25:13 Watch therefore ...	25:5 While the bridegroom tarried ,
25:14-30, Industrious vs. Lazy Servants				

Luke 17

and

Matthew 24

Luke 17:23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: **go not after them**, nor follow *them*. 24 For **as the lightning**, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven; **so shall also the Son of man be in his day.**

26 And as it was in **the days of Noe**, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and **the flood came**, and destroyed them all. ...

31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 **Two women shall be grinding together**; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the **body is**, thither will the **eagles** be gathered together.

Matt 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not. ... 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; **go not forth**: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not. 27 For **as the lightning** cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; **so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

28 For wheresoever the **carcase** is, there will the **eagles** be gathered together.

37 But as **the days of Noe** were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until **the flood came**, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 **Two women shall be grinding at the mill**; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

In the Days of Noah

Jer 28:1 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, *and* in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, 2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3 **Within two full years** will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD'S house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon: 4 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

Jer 29:6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. ... Jer 29:10 For thus saith the LORD, That **after seventy years** be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

1Co 7:29 But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

Two Verbs for “take”

(v. 39 αἰρω, vv. 40-41 παραλαμβάνω)

παραλαμβάνω has positive, not negative, sense:

Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own **received** him not.

Col 2:6 As ye have therefore **received** Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Male example:

1Ki 19:19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* **twelve yoke of oxen before him**, and **he with the twelfth**: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. 20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? 21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and **gave unto the people**, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

Female example:

Rut 2:8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by **my maidens**: ... 22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, *It is good*, my daughter, that thou go out with **his maidens**, that they meet thee not in any other field. 23 So she kept fast by **the maidens** of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

v. 43, The Lord as a Thief

Jer 49:9 If grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? if **thieves by night**, they will destroy till they have enough. 10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he *is* not. (cf. Obadiah 5).

1 Thes 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as **a thief**. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come **as a thief in the night**; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come **as a thief**. **Blessed is he that watcheth**, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Who is the servant in v. 45?

Luk 12:35 Let **your** loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning; 36 And **ye** yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, ...

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. 40 Be **ye** therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is **that faithful and wise steward**, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of meat in due season? 43 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. ...

Mat 13:52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every **scribe** *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.

Jam 3:1 My brethren, be not many masters [teachers], knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation [judgment].

v. 51, Warning to Teachers

“Weeping and gnashing of teeth”:

Mat 8:12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be **weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Mat 22:13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be **weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

1Pe 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; **3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.** 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Luk 12:47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. 48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.