

## A Picture of Preparation

### Matthew 25:1-13

For this time it will be God without disguise; something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature. It will be too late then to choose your side.

-C.S. Lewis

### I. The Picture

## II. The Problem

## III. The Point

### **Into the Bible:**

1. This parable draws a contrast between wise and foolish—those who are prepared for the coming of the bridegroom and those who are present but unprepared. Proverbs devotes considerable space to making this same comparison. What marks the fool according to the writer of Proverbs? (Proverbs 1:7, and Proverbs 12:15)

2. Ironically, the world rejects as foolish the very act of God that makes escape from His coming judgment possible. How does I Corinthians 1:18-25 describe the “foolishness” of God?

**Application:**

3. In contrast to unprepared foolishness, we should be examples of preparedness awaiting Christ's return. What do the following passages tell us about how to be prepared? (I Peter 3:15, Romans 13:11-14, I John 2:28)

**For Families:**

4. Talk with your children about the difference between wisdom and foolishness.