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Message Info

Title:

Blessed by His Father

Speaker:

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Scriptures:

Matthew 25:1–46

Theme: If you would inherit the kingdom, you must know who is blessed.

Introduction: As Jesus continues the Olivet Discourse, his teaching regarding the return of the Son of Man is a teaching about the coming judgment. Christians desire to be among those who are blessed by the Father and who inherit the Kingdom of God. To be blessed by God, one must know what it looks like to be blessed. That is Jesus's focus in Matthew 25.

There are three descriptions of the one who is blessed in Matthew 25:

1. The One Who Is Prepared (1–13)

- Jesus first tells a story of ten young women waiting with lamps for the bridegroom (the Lord) at a wedding, and five of them lacked the oil they needed when the bridegroom arrived.
- Those who lacked oil were not given entrance into the wedding feast.
- The actions of the foolish women communicated that, in their minds and hearts, the bridegroom did not merit a high degree of honor.
- The bridegroom's words for them are devastating; "I do not know you."

2. The One Who Is Responsible (14–30)

- Jesus tells a second story about a Master who entrusts money to three different servants. Two servants stewarded the money well, while the third servant did not.
- The Master commended the two but sent the one to "the outer darkness."
- The servant who was not responsible was revealing hard thoughts of the Master and a lack of belief in his goodness. He doesn't know his Master because he doesn't believe he is good.

3. The One Who Serves (31–46)

- The chapter closes with Jesus's commendation of those who serve "the least of these my brothers," and condemnation for those who do not.
- The phrase "the least of these my brothers" is a reference to fellow believers, intimating that to serve the Lord's people is to serve and glorify the Lord himself.

Questions:

1. As you seek to live faithfully in God's kingdom, how can you grow in:
 - a. Being more prepared for Christ's return?
 - b. Being more responsible in the roles/responsibilities God calls you to?
 - c. Serving, particularly the Lord's people, as you await his return?