

Matthew's Gospel

Chapter 25

A Lesson in Four Parables

The Absent Landholder (24:45-51)



The 10 Virgins + The “Talents”
(25:1-13) (25:14-30)

The Sheep & The Goats (25:31-46)

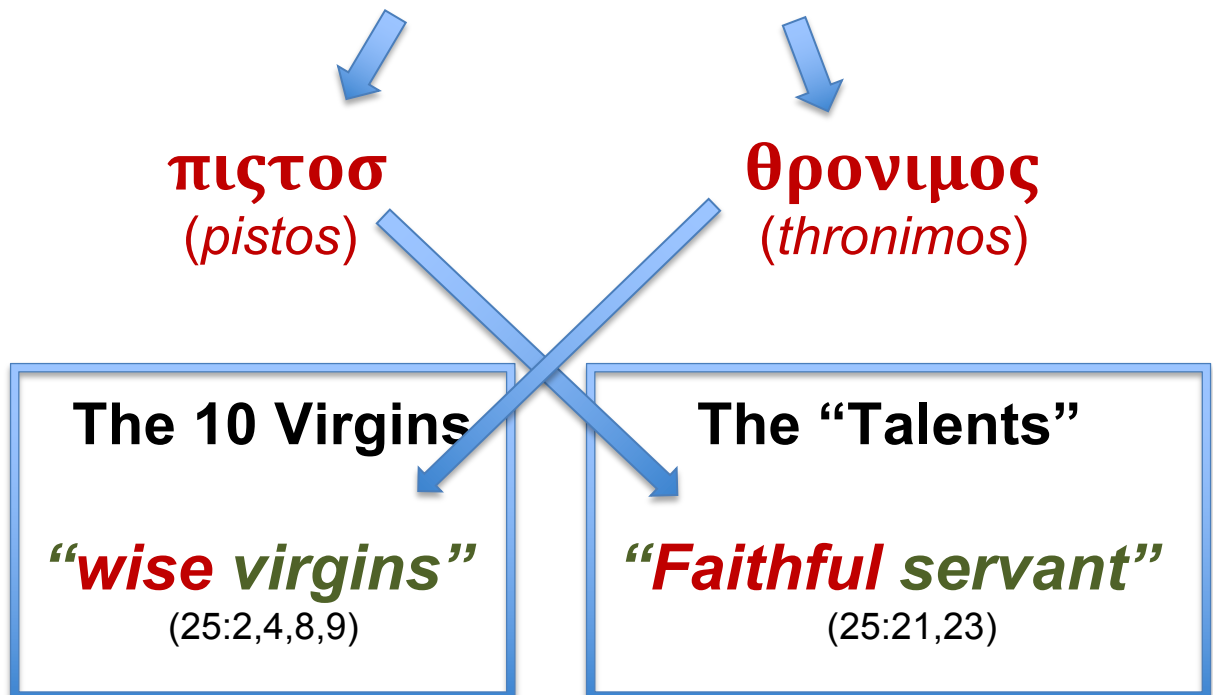
Signs of an evil servant:

- Abuses his fellow workers
- Eats & Drinks with drunkards

Future of an evil servant:

- Will be “cut up”, i.e. “flogged” (Luke 12:47-48)
- Placed with the hypocrites (Matthew 23)

“Who is the **faithful** and **wise** servant...?”



“hard” = σκληρός (*sklei-ros*)

John 6:60 When many of His disciples heard it, they said, “This is a **hard** saying; who can listen to it?”

Acts 26:14 “... It is **hard** for you to kick against the goads.”

James 3:4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by **strong** winds...

Jude 1:15 ... the **harsh** things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

Errors of the Faithless (Lazy) Servant:

- **Did not know his Master**
- **Committed the sin of fear**
- **Refused to make a decision**
- **Failed to seek and to follow council**

Similarities:

- Both groups awaited someone's return
- Both groups given time to prepare
- $5+5=10$
- Some "enter", while others "left outside"
- Light and Darkness
- No excuses

Differences:

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| • "I never knew you" | "wicked & lazy" |
| • Interaction | no interaction |
| • 10 becomes 5 | 5 becomes 10 |
| • Females | Males |

Foolish Virgins

External w/out Internal

Not allowed in

In the Dark
(No oil)

SPIRITUAL

Destined for Wedding
(But missed it)

Faithless Servant

Internal w/out External

Cast out

In the Dark
(No works)

PHYSICAL

Destined for Reward
(But missed it)

Psalms 118:19-20 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to Adonai. This is the gate of Adonai; the righteous shall enter through it.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Revelation 22:12 “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing My

reward with Me, to repay each one for what he has done.”