

Sermon Notes (Nov 19) –

“Waiting for Jesus... How do I think about this time of waiting for Jesus?

Is there a God who loves me and is in control or not?”

Matthew 25:14-30 and Zephaniah 1:12 and

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 and

I. The Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30... a few points

- “For it will be like...” Waiting for the _____

- A Talent in the NT was about 75 lbs.

5 Talents = 375 lbs gold = \$12,000,000 today

2 Talents = 150 lbs gold = \$4,800,000

1 Talents = 75 lbs gold = \$2,400,000

- \$75,000 salary per year x 40 years = 3,000,000 (not counting inflation or raises!)

- What is the attitude in the waiting period? Waiting for the Master to return?

- Respect - The Master’ plan is best - The Master tells the truth

- Relationship with the Master - Joyful Obedience to the Master

OR

- Master is mean and _____ .

- The Master can’t be trusted.

- No need to obey the master with one’s life. No joy.

II. Is God real? Does He care how I live?

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men

who are complacent, those who say in their hearts,

‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ Zephaniah 1:12

III. We are chosen for salvation in Jesus Christ; we live for Him as we wait for Him.

9 For God has not destined us for wrath,

but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.