

### **Motivation for Matthew 25: 1-13**

The Gospel this coming Sunday brings me to the moment in my life where I will see the lord face to face. My death. The bridegroom is here ready to take me into the banquet, but am I ready? Am I prepared for this encounter with him, ready to be welcomed into the kingdom of heaven, or am I like the foolish bridesmaids? Eager though unprepared. Is the oil in my lamp aflame, is the love in my heart aflame, so that I can properly greet the Bridegroom, Christ?

The good news is that I can prepare for this moment, I need not be afraid as St Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. For those who have died in Christ will live in him and I can prepare for the culmination of my life every single day by encountering the word. In this very act of seeking God in the word, He will be there: 'by those who love wisdom she is readily seen and found by those who look' (Wisdom 6:13). When I recognise it is Christ who I seek, I wake up to his call and his coming.