**Chapter 24**

1. The **Framework** used for answering the two most asked questions regarding the end of

time, **“When will this take place?**” and “**What will be the signs, the signals of its**

**approach?”**  Does pregnancy and the delivery of the child necessitate labor, birth pangs?

2. In order to be alert, “Read the newspaper; listen to television,” Jesus said (so to speak).

3. In order to be alert, “Go to the movies; know the top best sellers; the top selling drugs; listen

to the Oscar acceptance speeches; be aware of the culture war going on,” Jesus said (so to

speak).

4. In order to hasten the day, propel the Gospel to the ends of the earth. John 3:16

a. Do not neglect Micah while doing it.

5. In order to avoid deception, know your basic theology, such as Daniel 9 and 11.

6. In order to avoid confusion, keep it simple. Watch the world as if it were a FIG TREE.

7. Noah’s Day is Our Day. People are engulfed in the darkness of oblivion to these lights

shining these truths into our world and they go merrily along their way.

**Chapter 25’s Conclusion**

1. Parables conclude this sermon.

A. The Parable of the Ten Virgins: 25:1-13

B. The Parable of the Talents: 25:14-30

C. The Collective Parables of Provision and Neglect: 25:31-46

2. The Solemn Reality of Final Judgment of All Mankind brings the sermon to its end.

Conclusion:

As we finish this sermon the high stakes of life are clearly presented in the worldview of Jesus Christ. “What if you gain the whole world and lose your soul?” he has asked us to ponder. The souls of mankind are at stake. Everyone we know and meet is headed in one of these two directions. There is no spiritual recycling. We are committed to take the Message to the ends of the earth. What is the message of your faith you are conveying near and far? People are in a cave, helplessly stuck, trapped. The souls of the perishing need rescue.

**When He Shall Come**

*When He shall come, resplendent in His glory,*

*To take His own from out this vale of night,*

*O may I know the joy at His appearing*

*Only at morn, to walk with Him in White!*

*When I shall stand within the court of Heaven*

*Where white-robed pilgrims pass before my sight*

*Earth’s martyred saints and blood washed overcomers*

*These then, are they who walk with Him in White!*

*When He shall call, from earth’s remotest corners,*

*All who have stood triumphant in His might,*

*O to be worthy to stand beside them,*

*And in that morn, to walk with Him in White!*