

II. The Midnight Cry. vs. 6-9.

What took place at midnight?
 How does this apply to the coming of the Lord?
 How is it like the call to each of us at death?
 How can we be ready for it?
 What did the virgins then do?
 What is meant by this?
 What did the foolish say to the wise?
 Whose case does this represent?
 What did the wise answer?

III. The Shut Door. vs. 10-13.

What took place while the foolish virgins went to buy?
 Who went in with the bridegroom?
 What was then done?
 Why was the door shut?
 What did the foolish do afterward?
 With what counsel did Jesus close the parable?
 Why should we watch for his coming?
 How may we be ready to meet Christ?

What Have I Learned?

1. That merely joining the church or professing attachment to Christ will not save us.
2. That we must have sincere love for him, the grace of God in our hearts.
3. That we must not be content with merely lighting our lamps, but must have constant supplies of grace to keep them burning.
4. That no one can supply grace for another's need.
5. That we must so live as to be always ready for the coming of our Lord.

April 29.—Matt. 25: 14-30. Memory vs. 20, 21.

The Talents.

GOLDEN TEXT.—REV. 2: 10. CATECHISM. Q. 73, 74.

Introductory.

What is the title of this lesson?
 Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time?
 Place?

Recite the memory verses. The Catechism.

I. The Talents Distributed. vs. 14, 15.

Whom does the man in this parable re-

present?

Who are meant by his servants?
 What by his goods?
 How did the man distribute his goods?
 Why did he give more to one than to another?
 What did he then do?
 From whom do we receive all that we have?
 What has the Lord a right to expect from us?

II. The Blessing of Faithfulness. vs. 16-23.

What did the servants do with their master's money?
 What at length took place?
 What is represented by this?
 Before whose judgment-seat shall we all stand?
 When will the Lord come to reckon with us?
 What is said of the one who received five talents?
 What of the one who received two talents?
 What did their Lord say to each of them?
 What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?
 At the judgment?

III. The Penalty of Unfaithfulness. vs. 24-30.

What excuse did the servant who had received one talent give for not using it?
 How did his lord answer him?
 What did he command?
 How was the unprofitable servant punished?
 What may we expect if we neglect the time and opportunities God has given us?

What Have I Learned?

1. That Jesus has given us everything that we have that we may use it for him.
2. That the time is coming when he will call us to account for what he has given us.
3. That our reward will be according to the use we have made of his gifts.
4. That if we have refused to make any use of our opportunities for good we shall be punished for our neglect.—*W. Q. Book.*