

# Expectant Hope



Week One

## inTro



Read This Week's Passage:  
Matthew 25:1–13



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## HOPE REDISCOVERED

William Miller had no desire to preach about Jesus' return when he was first convicted that it would happen within the next twenty-five years. He wasn't a trained scholar, pastor, or teacher; he was a farmer who had become a deist and found his way back to Christianity through methodical personal Bible study. He studied and restudied his conclusions for fifteen years. In 1833, he finally heeded God's call and began to publicly share his findings. Coming from a skeptical background himself, his messages converted thousands of fellow skeptics and revived lifelong Christians who had been spiritually dead. Miller's explanation of the fulfilled prophecies from Daniel and Revelation inspired a firm faith in God, and his messages about Christ's soon return made his appeals urgent.

Our movement's consistent emphasis on the advent (even in our name, Adventist), can be traced back to the Millerite movement's significant influence in the 1830s and 40s. The renewed belief in the second coming's imminence was felt worldwide. These two decades saw significant revelations regarding the second coming and the sanctuary, but there were also significant errors that had to be rectified and, in some cases, unlearned. It was a revival that affected Christians across denominational lines and was truly based on people knowing the Bible for themselves.

Today, in a culture absorbed in materialistic thinking and living, the message of the second coming is as revolutionary as ever. May we also help others orient their lives to the imminent reality of Jesus' return.

Handwriting practice grid consisting of 20 rows and 40 columns of dots.



## inScribe

Write out Matthew 25:1–13 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out a portion of the primary passage. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

What can cause us to be like the five virgins who traveled to the wedding but didn't realize they had no oil until it was too late? How can we avoid being like them?

As you read through this chapter, which of these signs do you see as particularly relevant?



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## inTerpret

After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?



What questions emerge after studying this lesson? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

The women carried their reserve supply of oil in special vessels. In what ways can we have the Holy Spirit in reserve? How can we apply this principle to our lives?



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What relationship do the following verses have with Matthew 25:1-13?

Revelation 6:12-17

Matthew 24:3-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Revelation 1:7

Habakkuk 2:1-3

Matthew 22:1-10

Matthew 7:21-23

1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

Revelation 3:14-22

What other verses come to mind in connection with the primary passage?

Review your memorized verse from Matthew 25:1-13.



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Meditate on the primary passage again and look for where Jesus is.



What is He saying to you personally through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

How do you think Jesus feels about being perceived as late for His own celebration?

Prayer Response:



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Review the memory verse.  
How does it apply to your  
life this week?



After this week's study of the  
chapter, what are some personal  
applications you are convicted of  
in your life?

What are some practical  
applications you must make in  
your school, family, workplace,  
and church life?



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## inQuire

Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



Why do you think God allowed the early Advent believers to make a mistake in their interpretations?

Why do you think William Miller was so hesitant to share his findings, and in what ways do we interact with God's Word and share it with others in a similar fashion?

How can we keep the freshness and urgency of the advent message alive for us today even though it's something many of us have known for a long time?

The foolish virgins had apparently gotten used to borrowing oil, which brought them trouble. What could this borrowing look like in our lives today and how can we avoid doing it?

In what ways can we cooperate with the Holy Spirit so we can be considered wise?

What other stories or passages reveal a similar dichotomy between the wise and foolish in the church? What are these descriptions trying to warn us of?

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