

The Parable of the Ten Virgins: The Warning to Watch

Mathew 25: 01–13

(Lk 12:35-37)

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| <p>1. <i>The Kingdom of Heaven is compared to ten virgins</i></p> <p>2. <i>The wise and foolish virgins (believers) attend the wedding</i></p> <p>a. Five are wise; five are foolish</p> <p>b. The foolish take no oil for their lamps:
Do not prepare</p> <p>c. The wise take oil for their lamps:
Do prepare</p> <p>3. <i>The bridegroom delays: All are drowsy and fall asleep</i></p> <p>4. <i>A great summons is made when the bridegroom comes</i></p> <p>a. A surprise: Midnight</p> <p>b. A cry: “Come – meet Him”</p> <p>c. The awakening:
To prepare their lamps</p> <p>d. The foolish discover their lamps are out:
Frantically beg for oil</p> <p>e. The wise scarcely have enough for themselves</p> <p>5. <i>The bridegroom returns and gathers the wise, the prepared</i></p> <p>6. <i>The door is shut to the foolish, the unprepared</i></p> <p>a. The foolish cry for entry</p> <p>b. The foolish will be rejected</p> <p>7. <i>The point: We must watch and expect the Lord’s return at any moment</i></p> | <p>1 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.</p> <p>2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.</p> <p>3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.</p> <p>4 The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.</p> <p>5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.</p> <p>6 At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’</p> <p>7 Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.</p> <p>8 The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’</p> <p>9 ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’</p> <p>10 But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.</p> <p>11 Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’</p> <p>12 But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’</p> <p>13 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”</p> |
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