

## MATHEW 25:01

### KINGDOM OF GOD

*“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.” **Mathew 25:01***

The words *at that time* refer back to the Lord’s return discussed in Chapter 24. He was saying, “At that time [when the Lord returns] the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins [believers].” Five are foolish and five are wise, and there is going to be a separation of the wise from the foolish. Note *the kingdom of heaven* does not refer only to the perfect state of being in the future; it also refers to the present imperfect state of religion in the church (See *Kingdom of God*, Mt. 19:23-24; Mt. 13:1-58).

When Christ returns, something will be clearly seen — the foolish within the kingdom, those who have a false profession within the church and religion, shall be separated from the wise, “Therefore keep watch” (v. 13). □

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