

Matt 25:1-13 Week 87

The Fate of the Unprepared

Matt 25:1 THEN THE kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 five of them were foolish (thoughtless, without forethought) and five were wise (sensible, intelligent, and prudent). 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they did not take any [extra] oil with them; 4 But the wise took flasks of oil along with them [also] with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom lingered and was slow in coming, they all began nodding their heads, and they fell asleep. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, Behold, the bridegroom! Go out to meet him! 7 Then all those virgins got up and put their own lamps in order. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out. 9 But the wise replied, There will not be enough for us and for you; go instead to the dealers and buy for yourselves. 10 But while they were going away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were prepared went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other virgins also came and said, Lord, Lord, open [the door] to us! 12 But He replied, I solemnly declare to you, I do not know you [I am not acquainted with you]. 13 Watch therefore [give strict attention and be cautious and active], for you know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will come. AMP

The Nation of Israel

- The coming of the groom is a sign of what?
The _____ of the _____.
- This is a _____ rapture parable and has to be understood in that light.
- When does the church age begin?
The Church Age will not begin until _____ and will end at the Rapture.
- The parable of the ten virgins is given to emphasize the immeasurable _____ of being spiritually prepared to meet Christ when He returns to earth.

The Setting

- A Jewish marriage consisted of three parts:
 1. The _____
 2. The _____
 3. The _____ feast.
- As with all of Jesus' parables, the message of this one is simple. It is meant to illustrate _____.

Why ten virgins?

- The number 10 denotes _____ as in the Ten Commandments.
- I believe the picture is of the _____--that Christ has made us clean and without spot or blemish.
- The ten virgins do not represent the church. So who is the representative of the church here? The _____
- The ten virgins are professed _____ in Him, and the lamps, or torches, symbolize their outward identity with His church.
- The torches also represent _____ of His imminent return.

The Foolish

- It's all about _____.
The wise are _____ and let their light shine in the face of darkness. The foolish are unprepared and the darkness _____ their own folly.
They had just enough oil to make their lamps burn for the present, to make a _____ with.
- They have no _____ within.
- They have no _____ of, nor make _____ for what is to come.

The Wise Virgins

- It was the _____ of the wise virgins, that they took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
- They were _____ supplied and _____ till the Bridegroom came.
- They had a good _____ within, which would maintain and keep up their profession.
- Character is being prepared; properly using wisdom comes from a principled _____ with God and a strong _____ walk.
- _____ is the oil that allows the vessel to shine its light.

Joshua 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."