

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins – Matthew 25:1-13

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JESUS IS COMING SOON! EVEN SO COME - Hillsong (3:51/2:04))

All of creation All of the earth Make straight a highway A path for the Lord Jesus is coming soon Call back the sinner Wake up the saint Let every nation shout of Your fame Jesus is coming soon Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King We sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come There will be justice, all will be new Your name forever, faithful and true Jesus is coming soon Oh, like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King We sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come

Last Days? - (2Ti 3:1-2) *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: [2] For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. (Luk 21:11, 25-26a) And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. [25]"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; [26] men's hearts failing them from fear."*

The Parable of the Ten Virgins - Given to Jesus' disciples, on the night before His crucifixion, as part of the Olivet Discourse, which was given in response to their questions: **"Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"** Here, Jesus is comparing His coming to a wedding and being prepared!

Matthew 25:1-13

Mat 25:1 *"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.*

- **Then!** Do not pay any attention to the chapter division which occurs at this point in the Bible. It is the unexpectedness of His return for the rapture of the church, and of the need to keep watching for it This is made evident by His use of "Then."

Mat 25:2 *Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. [3] Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took oil in their vessels (extra oil) with their lamps.*

- **In the ten virgins we see several similarities.** They were all virgins, they all had lamps, they all had gone out to meet the bridegroom, and they all slumbered and slept. They were all awakened by the same call, and they all began to trim their lamps.
- **Now we see the difference.** Five of them were wise, and five were foolish. The foolish had their lamps but no extra oil with them; and the five took their lamps as well as the oil, the wise ones.

Mat 25:5 *But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. [6] "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' [7] Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'*

- **But while the bridegroom was delayed!** Jesus is giving an indication of the fact that His coming was not going to be as immediate as they were expecting it to be. He was more or less prepping them for the fact that He delayed His immediate return. There came really a loss of the excitement, the awareness of the return of Jesus Christ and the establishing of the kingdom.
- **They all slumbered and slept until at midnight a cry was heard; 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'** The fact that the five said, Give us oil for our lamps have gone out, would indicate that at one time their lamps were burning. They have gone out. The emphasis is, they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage.
- **Oil, throughout the scripture, especially the anointing oil, was representative of the Holy Spirit, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, the anointing oil.**

- **The Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is that which keeps us watching and keeps us ready.** Therefore, the parable is just saying to us. We need to be walking in the Spirit! We need to be living in the Spirit! We need to be led by the Spirit, that He is really that supply for us! I do believe that in this parable there is that emphasis of the necessity of being alert, being ready, being watchful, and also walking in the Spirit, having the life of the Spirit.

Mat 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. [11] "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' [12] But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

- **In another place, Jesus said, (Mat 7:21-23) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. [22] Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' [23] And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!** Here, there is a similar thing. In that day, which is the day when the Lord comes again to judge, there will be many who will be as the foolish virgins who will be outside seeking entrance as they are saying, Lord, Lord. But He denies ever knowing them. It is interesting with the five foolish virgins who are also outside seeking entrance. He does not deny ever knowing them. He declares, I do not know you!

Mat 25:13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

- **They that were ready went in with him! Now the thrust of the parable and the punch line! Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming!** He does not give to us that day or hour that He is coming for us. Thus, the thrust, the main point, over and over is to just watch. And be ready, because we do not know the day or the hour! **They that were ready went in. The others were left without. Eternal consequences! Therefore, watch!**

SUMMARY:

- **Learning from the wise and foolish virgin parable**, we see one great truth, which is **the continuing emphasis on being ready**, though we do not know the day nor the hour of His coming, even if He delays His coming.
- **Both the foolish and the wise virgins had light. Both were watching, but only the wise had extra oil**, which is **representative of the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- **The five wise were prepared for His coming and the five foolish were not prepared.** How prepared am I?
- **We see the total commitment and obedience of the wise to Jesus Christ**, being **filled with the Holy Spirit**, in His precious **living word every day**, spending **much time in prayer!** He will enable us to persevere and to victoriously prevail, through delays, trials, and difficulties, if we are staying firmly fixed on Him.
- **We need that extra supply of oil! Am I firmly committed to Him, no matter what? Do I have that? Am I watching and waiting for the bridegroom's return? Am I one of the wise or of the foolish? Let us pray for this!**

CLOSING SONG: - JESUS IS COMING SOON! EVEN SO COME - Hillsong (3:51/2:04)

So, we wait We wait for You God, we wait You're coming soon (2X)

Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be at Church, ready for You Every heart longing for our King, we sing. Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be at Church, we'll be ready for You Every heart longing for our King, we sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come. Even so come Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come!

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