

Matthew 25 Watch and Work for the Lord

Main Service

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I. The Parable of the Ten Virgins

v 1 - 13

v 1 *the kingdom of heaven* - Eleventh Kingdom Parable

virgins = Jews

Psalm 45:14

lamps = word of salvation

Psalm 119:105 **Isaiah 62:1**

the bridegroom = Jesus Christ

John 3:29

v 2 *wise* = truly saved *Jews*

Ecclesiastes 10:2 & 12, 2 Timothy 3:15

v 3-4 *oil* = Spirit of salvation

Isaiah 61:1-3

v 5 - 7 Jewish Wedding Celebration :

The event lasted for one week at the Father's house.

The groom *tarried* during the betrothal period (~ 1 year).

Toward the end, the groom was allowed to show up at any moment.

A man (i.e. forerunner) was sent before him crying: *Behold the bridegroom cometh.*

The bride had young ladies, *virgins*, ready to meet the bridegroom.

In the event that he came at night, they were to have their lamps ready so they go out and light his path along the streets.

This is the picture Christ was painting of His return

v 8 *our lamps are gone out* = **Hebrews 6:4-8**

v 9 *buy* - with faith : **Isaiah 55:1**

v 10-12 *the door was shut ... I know you not* **Luke 13:23-27**

Jewish Wedding Custom :

When all the guests had arrived, the doors were *shut*.

They were closed to secure the marriage party and exclude intruders.

Only proper guests belonged; others were to be kept out.

When Christ returns, the door to *the kingdom of heaven* (v 1) will be *shut*.

Only *truly saved Jews* will be allowed to the great marriage feast. **Romans 2:28-29**

II. The Parable of the Talents

v 14 - 30

v 14 *far country* = heaven **Acts 2:33-35**

v 15 *talents* = both (1) *money*, v 18 &/or (2) *ability* ~ *gifts*, **Romans 12:6**

v 19 *after a long time* (Luke 20:9) ~ 2,000 years = 2 'days' **Hosea 6:2**

v 21 *I will make thee ruler* - **Luke 19:17** **Revelation 20:4**