

THY KINGDOM COME:
**PREPARED
FOR AN
OPEN DOOR**

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Matthew 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

- This parable gives us insight to the kingdom in ways that others may not in that it clearly places each one of these virgins in the same status.
- Then the virgins are all allowed in the hall where they will soon meet the bridegroom.
- While their status was the same (virgins), half of them were foolish and the other half were wise.

- Is not this true concerning those who call themselves believers? They are all good people; they all have a relationship of some sorts with the Lord; and they all carry lamps.
- They have a lot of things in common. It is the fact that the foolish acted irresponsible.
- They knew they were going to see the bridegroom; they understood the prerequisites for going to meet him. But they failed to take personal responsibility for being properly prepared.
- Foolishness is knowing what is required and failing to take personal responsibility for our own.

Matthew 25:1-13

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

- The difference between the wise and the foolish virgins was the fact that the foolish virgins thought that they would be able to depend on others for their supply of oil and failed to bring their own.
- Their oil ran out of the lamp apparently. Initially they had enough oil but did not consider that they could not determine how long it would take the bridegroom to call them to meet him.
- It was not enough for them to have the oil they needed in their lamp, they should have had excess, overflow, abundance, and more than enough.


Matthew 7:24-27

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.


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- Foolish people take short cuts. They don't build strong foundations because it takes too much time and effort.
 - They want a quick fix; they want instant gratification; they have no patience; and they don't prepare for the long term.

Matthew 25:1-13

6 *And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.*

7 *Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.*

8 *And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.*


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- Listen to the foolish virgins as they now ask the wise virgins to GIVE them their oil.
 - Notice they did not even say, “Let us buy oil from you.” They wanted it and showed no willingness to earn it.
 - You have to be careful of those who say they are a part of the kingdom but are codependent on everyone else to do for them what they fail to do for themselves.

Matthew 25:1-13

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

- The wise virgins understand that they are only responsible for their own oil and that it would be detrimental to give away their oil and end up lost.
- They understood the mask principle: when cabin pressure changes in the cabin an oxygen mask will fall from the cabin. Put the mask on yourself first and then seek to help others.
- Notice they said 'go buy.' This means they had the ability to go out and buy their own oil. It was not that they did not have the resources. They did not want to spend their money but wanted to take advantage of others.

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- Because they were negligent, when they come back the door was closed. Wise people make sure they plan and are prepared so when the door opens up they can step through the door.
 - Foolish people play around wasting their time and money. When opportunity comes and the door opens, they are unable to take advantage of the opportunity.
 - How many times in our lives opportunities were presented to us but we could not take advantage of it.

Matthew 25:1-13

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 13:19

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Ruth 2:1-8

1 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee.

Ruth 2:1-8

5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearst thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: