

MATTHEW 25 vs 1

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Matthew was an eyewitness to Jesus, and recalls the final parables taught to those on the Mount of Olives, after He spoke of events leading to the last days of the time of the Gentile nations. And next Jesus told those who followed him about when the **Bridegroom** will come for **the love of His life**. His church.

The Ten Virgins

1 Then the kingdom of heaven will be compared to ten virgins / in these final parables about the kingdom of heaven, Jesus tells us... about leadership in the Lord's absence; about devotion to God; and about occupying and using those God-given talents for one another, thereby advancing His kingdom until He comes again.

ten virgins who took their lanterns / lampas.is the old Greek word. Today, we'd probably say they took their flashlights,

and went forth to meet the Bridegroom / it was an official welcome of the guest who arrived; now, we have already met the **Bridegroom in Psalm 19**. There we find He is in a hurry, as He runs a marathon all the way from his home in heaven; and you get the idea, He is obviously excited!

2 And five of them were foolish / Jesus tells us about a whole handful of these virgins they were **moros**; they were dull... dim-witted and a little **moronic**; and it seems the Bridegroom might be a little disappointed, doesn't it?

and five were wise / well that's good! 5 of them had insight; and were capable of taking the general principle... and apply it to themselves.

3 Those who were foolish took their lanterns, but took no oil with them / what? So they definitely were moronic!

4 But the wise took additional oil in their flasks with their lanterns / the wise planned ahead; they had extra-batteries, all charged up... ready to go!

5 While the Bridegroom delayed / it seems HE was delayed, but actually, HE was taking His time! You know, a good marathon runner paces himself. He was timing His arrival; while limiting himself... and He is very excited,

While He was delayed, they all began to sleep / all of the virgins... not only the dull ones, but also the brilliant ones...all of them... started nodding off... trying to stay awake... **zzzzZZZZZ!**



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 ⁶ And at midnight there was a shout / someone awoke the snoring virgins,

Behold / pay attention, **the Bridegroom**; **Go out!** / in other words: He's here! Go to meet Him!

⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lanterns / waking up, they hurried to prepare and put in order their lights.

⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, Give us of your oil / earlier in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, Give to the one who asks you; Our Father gives us daily bread. And you know if we stopped there, we might be a little conflicted with this story. But Jesus also said, if you know how to give good to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give to those who will ask Him. It's the same word.

And therein clarifies what could have been a dilemma with this parable,

the foolish said to the wise, Give us of your oil / Oops! Wrong person to ask;

for our lamps have gone out.

⁹ But the wise answered / sizing up the situation, Not at any time; not ever; lest there is not enough for us and you / John Wesley says this sentence begins with a beautiful abruptness; such as showed their surprise at the state of those poor wretches.

but rather go to them that sell / what an unfortunate translation at this point. Those 3 little words them that sell... is only one Greek verb: poleo; selling.

Isaiah 55, the prophet declares: everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come buy and eat! Here, in this parable about the kingdom of heaven, where Jesus says... all the resources needed are available to any who will ask;

in other words, the wise virgins say, Go to where the selling of oil takes place; and they knew that place; they had 2,000 years to be prepared,

and buy for yourselves / Jesus said, How much more will your Father in heaven give to those who will ask Him.

¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the Bridegroom came; and those who were ready / who had gone to meet Him with their lanterns ablaze, went with Him to the wedding feast:

and the door was shut.

¹¹ Afterward the other virgins also came / probably skipping and giggling and having a merry time, saying Lord, Lord, open to us / somewhat enthusiastically;

or was it?

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¹² **But He answered** / sizing up the situation, **and said, Truly / AMEN!** as if HE is signing His name to what He is going to tell them.

I say to you, I know you not / really, this is a weak translation; better He says,

I see you not / and what does that mean? the word is: **eido**. More than 10 times in the last chapters of Revelation, John writes:

I **saw** heaven opened; I **saw** an angel standing in the sun; I **saw** the beast; I **saw** an angel come down from heaven; I **saw** the thrones; I **saw** the great white throne; I **saw** the dead, and small and great, stand; I **saw** a new heaven and a new earth; I **saw** the holy city; I **saw** no temple therein -- all the same word: **eido**.

But hear Him again; Jesus is telling of the kingdom of heaven...

¹¹ **Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us** / about this verse, Matthew Henry wrote 300 years ago: Many will seek admission into heaven when it is too late. The vain confidence of hypocrites will carry them far in expectations of happiness... but not prepare them for a moment of eternal life.

¹² **But He answered and said, Truly, AMEN** so He is very certain, **I say to you, I see you not** / it appears, the Bridegroom says: He checked the guest list, and did not see any of their names registered; they were not written in the guest Book!

¹³ **So, Watch!** with your eyes opened! **For you do not see the Day nor the hour, when the Son of Man comes.** Remember: a parable is an earthly illustration embracing a heavenly truth; so what truth is represented here? Moses told us someday the Lord will return for **the love of His life** His church. The next Day on His calendar is: **the Feast of Trumpets**... when the dead in Christ will rise first, and we who remain will be grabbed up with them... forever to be with the Lord. According to your faith... it will be done to you.

So, Watch!

For you do not see the Day nor the hour, when the Son of Man comes ...if your eyes are shut.

The early disciples were told to pay attention... and do their math. The Lord would build His church -- for 2,000 years. Nevertheless, a time is coming of a speedy and permanent separation.

And how could we see that Day and that hour... if we are not watching... with our eyes wide opened... if we are not paying attention... if we are not taking Him at His word... if we are not taking our stand on His word; expecting Him to come some Day? We do not need to be ignorant. Isn't it exciting?

To see the Day... to see the hour... we have to **Watch!**

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