



Parable of the Wise & Foolish Virgins Part 2

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Matthew 25:1-13

- “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
- Question: How did they become eligible to meet the bridegroom?

They followed steps 1-4 and were engaged.

Betrothal Element

Process Step

Meaning / Connection

1. Mohar – Bride Price Paid

Step 1 – The Cross

Jesus pays the price (His blood)
— the offer of eternal covenant.

2. Ketubah – Covenant Agreement

Step 2 – The Tomb

The believer agrees to the terms
— turning from the old life.

3. Cup of Wine – Covenant Sealed

Step 3 – Resurrection: Mercy & Hope

Bride drinks — affirming her love, hope, and acceptance of the groom's life as her own.

Mikveh – Ritual Cleansing

Continues Step 3 and into Step 4

A spiritual preparation, expressing mercy, purity, and new life.

4. Gifts and Spirit Sent Ahead

Step 4 – Revelation: Holy Spirit

The Groom departs but sends a Helper and promise (oil, gifts, guidance).

- In Jewish betrothal, after the groom offers the mohar (bride price), he pours a cup of wine and says something like:

- *"This cup is a covenant in my blood; I give my life for you. Will you be mine?"*

- If the bride **drinks from the cup**, she is saying, "Yes. I accept your life, and I give mine in return."

- It's a sacred, **relational seal** — not just legal but deeply personal and symbolic.

- ♦ In the Gospels, Jesus mirrors this:

- *"This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you."*
(Luke 22:20, Matthew 26:27–29)

- ² Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. **They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them.**

- **Why were the foolish brides not ready?**

- They thought they had more time
- They may have thought they had done enough
- Didn't love the groom enough to do more to prepare
- They had ulterior motives
- They didn't know; no one told them how this works
- Interested in the benefits of the Kingdom but not the King
- Failed to consider delays, didn't bring extra oil



What does the oil represent in this story?

- The Holy Spirit
- You get the fullness of the Holy Spirit at Step 4
- Holy Spirit is our counselor, guide, comforter during the waiting period
- Holy Spirit is the person who gives you assurance and power
- Ephesians 1:13-14
 - **(Christ) In whom ye trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.**

- **Why Were the Wise Virgins Ready?**
- **Natural perspective:**
 - **Prepared:** They brought extra oil—anticipated delays or complications.
 - **Focused:** Their attention was on being ready for the groom, not just the celebration.
- **Spiritual perspective:**
 - **Continual filling of the Holy Spirit:** Ongoing relationship and obedience (Eph. 5:18).
 - **Faith in action:** They demonstrated faith through preparation.
 - **Personal responsibility:** Understood that readiness cannot be transferred.
- They Followed the Steps.....daily!!!

- Verse 5 – 9 -- While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered saying, Not so; lest there not be enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell and buy for yourselves.

Key Points:

- He's coming back.....Are you ready for the big comeback?
- Nobody else can give you oil, but we can tell you where to go and how to get there

- Verse 10-13 – **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. Afterward, came also the other virgins saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.**

Key Points:

- The Door is open now, but it will close soon
- When you follow the steps (1-4), He will know you
- It's going down like this
- Know what to watch for

What to Watch For

- Watch where you are in the process...this ain't one and done
- Watch out for deception....don't get fooled
- Watch for opportunities where you can shine your light (Matt 25)
 - Hungry folks
 - Thirsty folks
 - Strangers and different folks
 - Folks that ain't got no gear
 - Sick folks
 - Prison folks
- Protect your anointing and your future....it's not about down here

Are You Ready Now?

- If you have never been to LINY...you ain't on the team
- If you been through steps 1-4, you're on the team, but are you in the game or on the bench?
- If you're still on the bench, what are you doing there?
- It's going down like this....not everybody is getting in

Jesus Has Already Paid Your Price

It's Your Move