

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

Matthew 25:1-13

V: 1 (A) There is joy in the judgment for those who spend each day in preparation for the midnight hour.

(B) Ready for duty and prepared for joy.

Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

(C) *Ten virgins* - custom - ten friends of the bride.

(D) This is the kind of willing, joyful anticipation JESUS wanted for his disciples - us - the church, every day and every minute!

Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

**V: 2 Israel longed for the MESSIAH to come. When HE did, they were not ready –
Now the church?**

Revelation 19:7-8 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. v8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.¹

V:3 Their job was to light the way for the procession from the bride's house to the bridegroom's house when he came to claim his bride.

V: 4 The *oil* - JESUS was anointed with the oil of gladness The Holy Spirit

Hebrews 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, [*even*] thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

V: 5 *The bridegroom tarried* - The grace of GOD.

Isaiah 30:18 And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD [*is*] a God of judgment: blessed [*are*] all they that wait for him.

11 Peter 3:8-10 v8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [*is*] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. v9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. v10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

V: 6 It was a custom to send a courier announcing: *Behold, the bridegroom cometh!*

I Thessalonians 4:13-17

V: 7 Self examination –

Lamentations 3:40 40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

I Corinthians 11: 31-32 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

11 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Galatians 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming

V: 8 They should have known - and been ready - No excuse!

Acts 26:28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

V: 9 (A) Jewish weddings were held at night.

(B) Sad, if they shared, there would not be enough oil to light the way and all their lamps would go out before they reached the bridegroom's house.

V: 10 Custom was to shut and lock the door. 1 Corinthians 15:50-55

V: 11 They could not enter the joy! Psalms 88:1-18X

V: 12 Too late –

Numbers 14:40-45 v40 And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we [*be here*], and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned. v41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper. v42 Go not up, for the LORD [*is*] not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. v43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites [*are*] there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you. v44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. v45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, [*even*] unto Hormah.

1 Samuel 15:24-26 and Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because

I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. v25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. v26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

Jeremiah 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

V: 13 TODAY could be our LAST DAY!

1 Thessalonians 5:2-4, For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. v3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. v4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Revelation 16:15. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [*is*] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

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II Cor. 1:20 For all the promises of God in him [*are*] yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Ephesians 1: 3 Blessed [*be*] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [*places*] in Christ.

Ephesians 2: 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Matthew 25:15

Matthew 25:16-23

Christians produce Christians

**John 15:1-51 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every [branch] that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
5 I am the vine, ye [are] the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Matthew 25:24

Matthew 25:25

Matthew 25:26-30

**Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with [them], and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

II Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

**I Thess 1:6-10 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:
7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.**