

Parable of the Ten Virgins/ Brides Maids (Matt 25:1-13) Part I.

- The primary focus of this parable is the imminent return of Jesus Christ
- The lessons impressed upon us here are – are we living by the Spirit
- Details in this parable illustrate the importance of always being ready

I. The Five Wise and Five Foolish Virgins (vv.1-5)

1. God's children are wise and the rest are foolish (v.2)

- a) *The Wise see things as they truly are*
- b) *The Wise do not rest in knowledge*
- c) *The Wise live for eternity*
- d) *The Wise are like God*

2. The Wise and the Foolish Look Alike in Many Things (v.3-4)

- a) The unwise are religious and engaged in spiritual activities
- b) The unwise use the very same language the wise use
- c) The unwise even pray in the same way
- d) The unwise may even have the same outward behavior

3. The Real Difference: the Foolish Virgins Have No Oil in Their Lamps (4)

- a) They are untaught by the Spirit
- b) They are not indwelt by the Spirit
 - i. As a witness
 - ii. As a deposit or earnest