The Ten Virgins (Matthew 25: 1-13) part II.

- Last week we considered: first 4 vss of this parable under this heading
 - I. The Five Wise and the Five Foolish Bride's Maids (25:1-5)
 - 1. God's children are wise the rest are foolish (v.2)
 - 2. The Wise and the foolish look alike in many things (vv.3,4)
 - 3. The Real difference: The Foolish virgins have no oil in their lamps

II. The Delay of the Bride Groom (v.5)

- 1. He is not willing that any should perish
- 2. His elect, His sheep must all come in
- 3. His delays are to perfect us in grace
 - i. We are growing in faith in His Word
 - ii. We are bearing with our adversities
 - iii. Compassion for souls

III. The Sleep of the Bridesmaids (v.5)

• They slumbered, the Bridegroom delayed – it was midnight

IV. The Coming or Arrival of the Bridegroom (v.5,6a)

- 1. The time: at midnight
 - *i.* The uncertainty of the hour
 - ii. He comes when everyone is asleep

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