

The Parable of the Bridesmaids (Matt 25:1-13) Part III

Thus far we have considered this parable of Jesus under several headings

I. The Wise and the Foolish Bridesmaids (25:1-4)

II. The Delay of the Bridegroom (25:5)

III. The Sleep of the Bridesmaid (25:5)

IV. The Arrival of the Bridegroom (25:5)

- The theme of this parable is watchfulness in light of Jesus' Return.

V. The Terrifying Discovery: "Our Lamps are Going Out" (v.8)

- a) They have no indwelling grace
- b) They have to appear before Christ

VI.A Desperate Appeal: Give us of your oil our Lamps have gone out (v.8)

- a) External professors will see the difference between them & the ungodly
- b) They will see what a happy thing it is to have oil in their lamp
- c) They will seek it from the godly

VII. The Disappointment: No! lest there not be enough for you & us (v.9)

- a) It's not in the power of God's children to give grace
- b) They will have none to spare

VIII. Who Are They Who Are Ready?

- a) Those who have the wedding garment
- b) Those who have the new heart
- c) Those whose lamps are trimmed

IX. Reward of the Ready: They Went in With Him to the Marriage (v.10)

- a) Christ will own them
- b) The saints shall be with Christ

X. The End of the Hypocrite: "The Door was Shut" (v.10)

- Christ is the door: to the hypocrite Jesus answers "I never you knew you"
- Vs 13 "Watch therefore" you know neither the day nor the hour