

# Light In Darkness



## Matthew 25:1-13 NKJV

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

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And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'

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And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

# The Specifics In The Parable

## 1. Virgins-pure, Christians?

Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” NIV

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2. Lamps- Light of the Lord in us.

John 1:9 “That was the True Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.” NKJV

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3. Oil- What fuels the holy light of the Lord in us – prayer, Scripture, fasting, meditation, fellowship, worship
4. Bridegroom – Jesus, Whom we are married to.
5. Why night? – Dark world

## Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

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## Hebrews 3:13-14 (KJV)

<sup>13</sup> But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

<sup>14</sup> For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end

## **Romans 8:5 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

## **Matthew 24:12-13 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

<sup>13</sup> But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

## Philippians 3:11-14 (KJV)

<sup>11</sup> If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I* do,

forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

<sup>14</sup> I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

# 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (KJV)

<sup>24</sup> Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

<sup>25</sup> And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

## 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV)

<sup>6</sup> For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

<sup>7</sup> I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

<sup>8</sup> Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

## Isaiah 40:28-31 (KJV)

<sup>28</sup> Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding.

<sup>29</sup> He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.



<sup>30</sup> Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

<sup>31</sup> But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

To Mount Up – To climb on, to prepare  
to move out.

Why an eagle?

Wait upon – To serve.

Doing things in God's strength and not  
yours.

# Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ  
Who strengthens me.

## **Galatians 6:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

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