

The 10 Virgins | The Parables

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A Warning Parable.

Jewish Wedding Customs

- ◇ The Arrangement or Engagement. (A contract between the fathers' of bride and groom)
- ◇ The Betrothal (Ceremony where bride & groom exchange vows. During this time the groom would establish a place to live and get a job. The Bride was "set-apart" waiting for the groom to return for her.)
- ◇ The Wedding Feast (The return of the groom for His bride, a great celebration)

Representations in the Parable:

- ◇ The bridegroom - Jesus
- ◇ The bride - church
- ◇ The ten virgins – those who profess to be believers (All ten virgins had a torch but only five had enough oil).
- ◇ Oil represents the anointing (Psalm 133:2, Psalm 89:20, 1 Samuel 10:1) and the Holy Spirit (Psalm 45:7, Luke 4:18)

Matthew 25:6

- ◇ All people whether Christian or not will have no way of knowing the exact moment of Christ's return.

Matthew 25:7

- ◇ Trimming your lamp requires oil

Matthew 25:8-9

- ◇ The Church is the Bride of Christ
- ◇ The oil represents your personal relationship with the Groom, Jesus Christ.
- ◇ We must have our own relationship with God. That is the only thing that will take you on the journey to the wedding banquet when He returns.

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 24:36-44

Matthew 25:1-13

Ephesians 5:25-27

TAKEAWAY

How to have oil for the journey:

- ◇ Believe in the good news of the Gospel, repent of our sin and turn to the Lord for salvation (1 John 1:9, Proverbs 18:23, Acts 2:38)
- ◇ Submit ourselves to the authority and lordship of Christ (Matt. 16:24-25, Galatians 2:20)