



THE RAPTURE! IT IS REAL, ARE YOU READY?

THE RAPTURE! Being One of the Faithful and the Wise Part 3!

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Matt. 25:1-13 - "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ 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.' ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' ¹² But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

It will be a sudden removal of God's people from the earth. 1 Cor. 15: 52.

The Rapture can happen at any moment!

The rapture is an 'imminent event' where no one knows when it will occur! It will be a quick takeaway. Matt. 24:42.

Once we are Raptured, we stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ. Rom. 14:10.

The saved will be Judged on works, not eternal security. Eph 2:8-10 - ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. Our eternal security is a gift from God for accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We are saved to do good works, but we are not saved by good works. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Every Christian will be judged on Words and Works.

Words- **Matt. 12:35-37 (NLT).**

Works- **Rom. 2:5-11.**

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Most Parables are written to bring understanding to the conversation that Jesus is having to His audience.

We must pay attention to everything mentioned in the parable, it is mentioned for a reason!

Matt. 25:1 Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened. *The kingdom of Heaven here is not the same as the Kingdom of God.*

The Kingdom of God is all-encompassing of the seen and the unseen realms. All that God has created.

*In our text, The Kingdom of Heaven is talking about the kingdom that Jesus will usher in upon His second coming. **Luke 19:12 - Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.***

This will be a physical governmental system.

Probably a better translation of the phrase would be the Kingdom from Heaven. the Greek word for "of" can be translated "from" as well.

*This is the kingdom Jesus was referring to when He told us to pray in **Matt. 6:10 - Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

Matt. 25:1 ...ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

The number 10 (Strong's #1176, deka) means "the measure of human responsibility" and also the number of "completion."

Virgin (Strong's #3933) means "an unmarried woman."

The word wise (Strong's 5429, phromiros) means "single-minded" (i.e., one life is being for God) and thus, this believer is full of light or illuminated.

The word "wise" is from the root word phren, which means "to rein in or curb the emotions." These virgins were wise because they allowed God to continually lead their self-life, which then allowed the Spirit of God to come forth and produce fruit in their lives.

The word foolish (Strong's # 3474, moros) means "double-minded" (i.e., two lives are being lived— God's and theirs),

While waiting for the bridegroom, all ten virgins slept because it was night.

John 9:4 - I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. *Jesus took advantage of the opportunities He saw to do the work of God. Night could represent a time when the opportunities to do the work of God is not offered.*

⁵ **But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.** ⁶ **"And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'**

The Prophetic meaning of Midnight

1. *No Time is Left for The World,*
2. *Judgment Comes Now,*
3. *The Darkest Before Dawn,*
4. *A Turning Point, Points Upward to Heaven,*
5. *A New Beginning, The End of The Chapter,*

Notice the Cry was that the bridegroom is coming, not that He is here.

Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

They were told to go out and meet Him. They were asleep, the cry is for them to wake up, get up and look for Him to appear.

All the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps (adjusted them, to prepare themselves),

The wise virgin's light kept burning, the only thing they had to do was wake up.

The foolish virgins were all most out of oil, meaning there was little to no illumination around them.

The oil is what kept the illumination around them so they could be notice by the bridegroom.

The Need for Light

1. *They need light to see their condition,*
2. *To make themselves fit for the Bridegroom,*
3. *To see where they were going*
4. *To be illuminated so the Bridegroom could see them.*