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THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

Matthew 25:1-13

Matthew 25:1, At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Kingdom of Heaven - the place where God rules and reigns

Ten Virgins - ten believers who start the journey with pure hearts

Their Lamps - the shining of the Holy Spirit through them

Bridegroom - Jesus Christ

Jesus made it clear:

1. He viewed the Jewish religious leaders as inept. (Matthew 23:13-38)
2. He knew His disciple’s world would become increasingly dangerous. (Matthew 24:1-35)

Matthew 23:37-38; 24:1

* Eternity WILL NOT be the same for everyone.

Two Judgments:

1. The Judgment Seat of Christ of believers

2 Corinthians 5:10, For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Matthew 16:16-27, 24:2-4, 36-37; 1 Corinthian 3:10-13; Revelations 19:1-10; Philippians 2:7

* The Doctrine of Kenosis – Jesus’ voluntary release of His divine attributes for a season to experience the fullness of human life

1. The Great White Throne Judgment of unbelievers

Revelation 20:11-15; Matthew 24:45-46, 25:1

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

1. Preparedness

Matthew 25:2-4, 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.

Proverbs 22:2-3; Luke 12:20-21; Psalm 14:1; Matthew 23:17

1. Purpose

Matthew 25:5-9, 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6At midnight the cry rang out: “Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!” 7Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish ones said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.” 9“No,” they replied, “there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.”

2 Peter 3:9; Ephesians 5:12-14

1. Prudence

* Prudence - the ability to govern oneself in a wise manner

Proverbs 8:12, I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion.

Matthew 25:10-12, 10 But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11Later the others also came. “Lord, Lord,” they said, “open the door for us!” 12But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.”

Matthew 25:13, Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Revelation 4:1, 19:1-10

Questions:

1. What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
2. What will you do because of it?
3. How can we pray for you?

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