

Are You An Oil-filled Lamp?

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I. PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS - MATTHEW 25:1-13

a) **The background to this parable - Matthew 24:3**

- Beginning of sorrows and the Great Tribulation
- Universal Blackout - Matthew 24:29; Joel 2:31
- The Day of the Lord - 1 Thessalonians 4:16 - 5:2

b) **Culture of a traditional Jewish wedding**

- Arranged marriage
- Marriage contract
- Bridal payment
- Wine to seal marriage proposal

II. THE TEN VIRGINS

a) **Chaste virgin betrothed to Christ - 2 Corinthians 11:2**

- They all had lamps
- “You are the light of the world” - Matthew 5:14-16

b) **The Five Wise Virgins**

- They had oil - Intimacy with the Holy Spirit

c) **The Five Foolish Virgins**

- They had no oil
- Door shut upon them

III. BE WATCHFUL - MATTHEW 25:13