

Here Comes the Bridegroom

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 25:1-13

B. This parable of Jesus is about virgins who were preparing to meet the bridegroom.

II. Background on weddings.

A. They would be held at night.

B. There would be a procession where the bridegroom would be met.

III. The virgins represent us.

A. We are to “watch.”

1. This means we are to feed on God’s Word.

2. We too easily lose perspective on life—the real reason God put us here is to learn how to live by the Word of God.

B. The hidden meaning of the parable.

1. There were five that were wise and five that were foolish.

2. The Lord clearly teaches that His Second Coming is long delayed.

3. All the virgins sleep, which underscores the Lord’s expectation that we would think of other things in the natural order of life and not just the Second Coming.

4. The difference was that the wise virgins brought along extra oil.

a. Without a light, the virgins could not be welcomed to the marriage feast.

b. Light is knowledge.

c. Light was supplied by the oil, so it was essential that they had an adequate supply.

d. The oil represents the Holy Spirit.

C. There are wise and foolish people in every congregation today.

1. Bible study is to know God personally.

2. The truth must grip you so that you will be able to stand in the time of testing.

3. The wise have oil for the time of testing—they cling to the truth closely.
4. Those who do not have a deep conviction will ultimately fail.
5. To have a true knowledge is to be a Christian.
6. This knowledge ultimately leads to the giving over of the will to Christ.

Application questions:

1. What does the oil represent in the parable? Why is this so critical to have?

2. Where does having knowledge about God naturally lead?

3. How have you gained knowledge through God's Word? Explain the importance of God's Word to your life personally.
