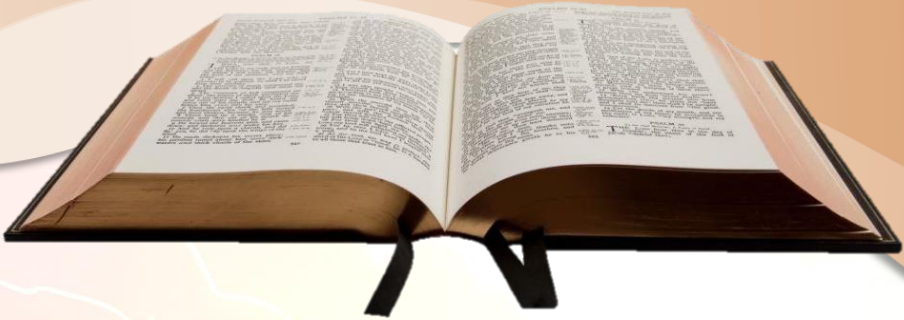


The Ten Virgins



**From The Sermons Of
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Matthew 25:1-13

1. Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12. But he answered and said,
Verily I say unto you, I know you
not.

13. Watch therefore, for ye
know neither the day nor the
hour wherein the Son of man
cometh.



***Listen what the Prophet of God
said about it:***

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***306. After the Bride is
raptured will any of the
foolish virgin be saved or
will they all be lost?***

173 No! See, everything will be finished for the Gentile church when the Bride is taken from the earth. The Spirit of God leaves the earth: "He that's filthy is filthy still; he that's righteous is righteous still; he that's holy is holy still." In other words the

sanctuary becomes smoky, where the—the Attorney stands to plead the case. Christ leaves the sanctuary; His day of mediatorial is over. The rapture comes; He leaves from the sanctuary, goes forth and takes the Book of Redemption, and claims everything He redeemed. There's no more mediatorial work. How many understands that? I've got it on one of the Seals—or one of the...Yeah, the Seals, I believe it was, that Christ

comes forth to claim His mediatorial work.

174 Now, just a minute. “Will the foolish virgin be saved?” No! Whatever happens she—happens now. After that time she’s in the state...Now, she will have to go through the tribulation period. And the reason of it is, is because she has rejected the Atonement in Its fullness. She is a believer, a professed believer, but she will have to go through the tribulation period. The Bible

said, “And the rest of them, the dragon spurted water out of his mouth to go and make war...”
And what an hour that is. The...

175 There's never been a time in history where that the nominal churches has become so hungry to find the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I—I speak for the Christian Business Men. Constantly, it's Presbyterian, and Lutheran, Catholic, and all, Baptists by the hundreds, Church of Christ, Nazarenes,

Pilgrim Holiness, Seventh Day Adventist, every one of them flocking in trying to—to find...See?

176 Now, this is a striking thing. Please don't take it as a doctrine, but do you understand what the Scriptures said would take place when that did? Time was over. For look, there was seven virgins—or ten virgins went out to meet the Bridegroom, and half of them had oil in their lamp, half of them

didn't. That's the part of the Body that's dead and the part that's alive. The five's wise, when they—the cry come, “Behold the Bridegroom...” they all trimmed—woke and trimmed their lamps to go into the wedding supper. But when the foolish virgin said, “Give us some of your oil, our lamps is gone out. (See?) Give us of your oil.” They said, “Not so, we just got enough for ourself. Go buy it.” And while they went to buy it, the Bridegroom came.

177 When the proclamation went out, the decree, “The Bridegroom’s coming,” everybody wanted to get right, right quick. Ain’t that the hour when the handwriting’s on the wall?

178 “Oh, we want the baptism of the Holy Ghost.” “We want *this, that, or the other!*” But while they went to buy it, the Bridegroom came. The wise went in, and they were left outside where there’ll be

weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

179 I got just beautiful questions in here to go with that: “Who was the man with the robe on that come in, that didn’t have the wedding garment on?” And all those questions that tie right into that.

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Answers #2*

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40. ***Will only those who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost be in the Rapture of the Church, or will all believers be indicated?***

271 We ain't...we haven't got time to justify that. But, brother, only the Holy Ghost Bride will be in the Rapture. See? The Bible...?...the others won't be lost.

272 Look! Who's going to judge the earth? Saints. Daniel said, "I saw Him, come to the Ancient of Time, and—and He came with ten thousands times ten thousands of His Saints." Is that right? The Rapture, the Church had gone on. Then they come down, and the Judgment was set.

273 And the Books were opened. Is that right? And another Book was opened, which was the Book of Life, the

sanctified believer that hadn't received the Holy Ghost.

274 Didn't Jesus teach that ten virgins went out to meet the Bridegroom? And five of them...or all of them were virgin, pure, holy. And they, *these*, went to sleep and didn't get the Holy Ghost; and *these* got the Holy Ghost and had Oil in their lamp. And when the Bridegroom come, the Voice come, shouting, they said, "Oh, let us go in. Give us some of your Oil!"

275 He said, “Go to them that buys, pray up, get It now.” But they couldn’t. And while they was gone, the—the virgins went into the Wedding Supper, and they were cast into outer darkness, where they were weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. Didn’t Revelation, last night, in the 12th chapter, night before last, teach that the red dragon spurted water out of his mouth to make war with the *remnant of* the woman’s Seed, that had faith in

God and kept the
commandments of Jesus Christ?

276 To you women, when you lay down a pattern. It's a nice piece of goods, the same goods in it, but you take like *this* and lay your pattern just the way that you're going to cut it. And then you cut it. That's up to you. But you take the goods that you cut, to make your garment out of, and the rest of it is used. It's just as good a goods as the rest of it, but by election you have chose

that. Is that right? The rest of it is just as holy and just as good, and just as expensive as the rest of it, but that was your choice.

277 And God has promised that we are going in the Rapture by election! And the Bible said, “And the rest of the dead lived not for one thousand years.” Is that right? So only...You’ll not be lost, but the Holy-Ghost-filled Bride will go in the Rapture. The rest of them will come through Judgment; while They didn’t.

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212 Don't you remember the sleeping virgin when she raised up? Now, remember, what was she called?

There's ten of them went out to meet the Bridegroom. Is that right?

Five was wise, had Oil in their lamp.

How many knows what oil signifies in the Bible? Spirit. Now, one couldn't say, "You're not sanctified, and I'm not..." They was all sanctified, every one of them. All sanctified; but five was wise enough (to have the wisdom of revelation) to catch that Door, see, to be filled with the Spirit.

They had Oil in their lamps, and the others had no Oil.

And when they were awakened, why, here they come up to them, said, “Oh! Oh! Give me some of your Holy Spirit, Oil. Give me some!”

213 Said, “Yeah, sorry, sister, just got enough for myself. I sure ain’t got any to spare.”

214 So...and while...He said, “Go pray up.”

And while they were gone to get some, the Bridegroom came and they went in to the Wedding Supper; and they was left without, where they'll go through the Tribulation period of...Watch just in a little, couple more verses, you'll see they go right on into the Tribulation period. See?

*60-1210 - The Philadelphian
Church Age*

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2 I was just coming in when I heard that message go forth. So I'm...

It is true that we need to keep our lamps filled, keep our...You know, when the...

As you burn, you can't go on what you have done, now. See? Because, fire, burning out of oil, makes a carbon. So that's the reason the trimming of the... have your lamps trimmed,

because the carbon on top of the—of the wick. Many of you people about my age, when we used to use the—the coal oil lamp, see, they...It—it—it'd get a carbon on top, where it would burn, and therefore it would interfere with the light.

So you must keep all the carbon trimmed off, and that we might “press on forward, towards the mark of the high calling in Christ.”

*63-0324M - Questions And
Answers On The Seals*

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140. ***Now, were the five of
the virgins lost?***

56 I presume that they are asking the question's, "the five

virgins,” the five wise and the five foolish.

Now, if you were with us in the last teachings in Revelation, you find out there that those virgins, the—the five foolish virgins were not lost; but they were not permitted to go into the Wedding Supper, but they suffered persecution and was martyred, and raised again at the general resurrection in the last day.

Those are the people where He separated the sheep from the goats, see, they stood before Judgment.

57 You say, “Well, Brother Branham, don’t we stand, the Church?” No, sir! We do not stand before the Judgment.

58 We are now standing before the judgment, God put our sins upon Christ, and we... “He that heareth My Word” Saint John 5:24 “and believeth on Him

that sent Me has Eternal Life, and shall not come into the Judgment but has passed from death unto Life.”

No more judgment for the Church.

It's took up in the Rapture, and comes back to pass judgment upon the people who did not receive the Holy Spirit.

Does not Paul say that he dares any of us to take a—matter to the court, to the unjust

magistrate, when, “know ye not that the Saints shall judge the earth?”

We will sit with Christ and judge kings and priests, and judge these people that we preached to and told them about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and they refused to receive It. Think of it!

59 No, they were not lost, but they will never be in the Bride.

They were come in the second resurrection, but never be in the Bride, and be judged according to the way they treated the Light that they received. Now, that part will be up to Christ. They were not lost, though.

*61-0723E - God Being
Misunderstood*

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256 Five of them...Ten of them were virgins. Five was wise that had Oil in their lamp, and the other five was just as pure and holy but they had no Oil (they were sanctified, without the Holy Ghost).

257 “There’s three that bear record in earth: the water, the blood, the Spirit.” Saint John

5:7...First John 5:7, rather, said
“There are three that bear record
in Heaven: Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost, these three are One. But
there’s three that bear record in
earth: water, blood, and Spirit,
they’re not one but they agree as
one.”

258 Now, you can’t have the
Father without having the Son.
You can’t have the Holy Ghost
without having Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. They are One.
You...They’re inseparable.

259 But you can be justified without being sanctified. And you can be sanctified without having the Holy Ghost; be clean, live a pure life, and have a form of godliness, and deny the Power of healing and speaking in tongues and the great gifts of God (and every one of them in There).

260 There's your five wise virgins who had Oil in their lamp, rapturing Faith, believing all the signs, wonders, prophecies, and everything. And these five cut

out of the remnant was taken away.

261 And the rest of them were still virgins and will not be lost, but will go through the Tribulation period. Jesus said “There’ll be...”

262 And they said—they said, “Give us some of your Oil, we want the Holy Ghost now.”

263 Now, anyone knows that the Holy Ghost, Zechariah 4, and, oh, James 5:14, all knows that—

that it represents the Holy Ghost. Now, they said...That's the reason we anoint with oil, represent the Holy Ghost; now, "The Oil of the Spirit," the Bible said.

264 Now, *these* had the Holy Ghost; and *these* were sanctified. *These* were sanctified *plus* the Holy Ghost, believing all the phenomenons and everything of God's Power. Everything God spoke of Here, they had it,

believing it. These were taken up.

265 And *these* said, “Give us, to us, now.”

266 Said, “We just got enough to get in with,” and away they went in the Rapture.

267 And they said, “Go buy from those who sell to you,” they said. And they went to try to pray through then, to receive the Holy Ghost, but the Gentile dispensation had been finished

and the persecution rose. And He said, "They were cast into outer darkness where there'll be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." But in the second resurrection they'll be the sheep that's separated from the goats, but never the Bride, never the Elect. That's the remnant of the Seed of the woman.

268 What is a remnant? The piece that's cut, left. Same kind of goods. Is that right? You go to

cut you a dress out of calico, and you spread out a big piece of calico and cut it out. It's your business where you lay the pattern. It's God's business where He lays the pattern. He cuts her right out. Is that right? And now this, rest of this calico left here, is just as good a calico as in the dress. Is that right? But it's God's election. God elects His Church, God predestinates His Church; God foreordained that, foreordains His Church, and He takes that Church out! And

the remnant is left to go through the Tribulation period.

269 And that's where many Bible scholars today get mixed up, thinking that the Bride's over yonder in the Tribulation. A fellow said to me, said, "I couldn't tell you, Brother Branham." Said, "I seen the Bride up in Heaven. And the dragon spurring water out of his mouth to make war with the Bride. And the hundred and forty-four thousand, which is

the Bride, standing on Mount Sinai.”

270 I said, “Oh, no. No. No. No. You got it all mixed up. The Bride was in Heaven.” And the *remnant* of the woman’s Seed, not her...not the pattern, the remnant was there, and the persecution (the Roman Empire) when Catholicism will consolidate and they’ll unite their powers together with the Great church.

271 Why, they got it right...It was on television the other night. The Methodist church is trying to unite Methodist and Baptist and all the full churches of Christ are trying to unite with Catholicism and stand before one plain altar. What did the bishop say when he was put on trial the other night, over there to be a Communist? I was standing, looking at it on television myself. All the bunches of them! And when that time comes, there'll be a persecution rise. Then the Holy Ghost will fall,

and Methodists, and Baptists, and all, will speak with tongues, praise God, and heal the sick and prophesy, and all the signs and wonders will be coming. The Elect will go up, and the remnant will be left here to go through the Tribulation period. And at the end of the time, when they see what has happened, they'll have to go down in martyrdom.

272 Then look. You say, "Well, now, Brother Branham, do you mean to tell me there's going to

be...that—that people that's going to be there at the White Throne Judgment?" They'll... The Bride will never be judged. No, sir. She's in Christ. How do you get in Christ? "By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body." Is that right?

273 Now, look, look here. The Bible said, "Judgment was set, and the Books were opened." Is that right? Books of sinners. "And another Book was opened," which is the Book of Life, and

every man was judged thus. Is that right? And who was doing the judging? Jesus and the Saints. He said, "He came to minister, Who is our Ancient of Days, Whose hair is like wool." And said, "Ten thousand times ten thousands come with Him, and ministered to Him in the Judgment." Here Jesus returns as King and Queen, the Wedding's over, and He's married. Here's King and Queen standing here. And there stands that sanctified bunch, God said,

“Stand to My right side here.” That’s the Book was opened, was sinners, “Get over on My left.” Here’s the ones that had their names written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

274 You say, “Brother Branham, my name’s written there, I’ll go!” Wait a minute! Judas Iscariot was sanctified. Whew! Brother, wake up now, pinch, so you can get This, you see.

275 Judas Iscariot, his spirit is the antichrist today. You know that. Jesus was the Son of God, came from God and returned to God; Judas was the son of perdition, came from hell and returned to hell. Jesus taken the repentant sinner with Him; Judas taken the unrepentant with him, “*If* thou be! If! If! If You be a Divine healer, do *this*, If thou be *This*, do *this*.” (See, that question mark across God’s Word.) “The days of miracles is past. If It is, show me *this*. If! If! If!” See?

“It’s all true,” God said.

276 Now watch. Judas Iscariot was justified by faith, and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized. The Bible said, “Jesus—Jesus baptized the disciples, His disciples.” All right.

277 Saint John 17:17, before He could send them out, He said, “Sanctify them, Father, through the Truth. Thy Word is the Truth.” And He was the Word, even before the atonement was

made. In other words, “As a preview, Father, of My shed Blood, I sanctify these.”

278 He give them power against unclean spirits, and they went out and they cast out devils. Is that right? And they healed the sick. Is that right? And they come back, sanctified, rejoicing, jumping, shouting, and praising God. Is that right? And said, “Even the devils is subject to us.”

279 And Jesus said, “Don’t you rejoice because the devils is

subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in the Book of Heaven.” Is that right? And Judas Iscariot was with them, one of them, called-out, sanctified, and his name written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Read Matthew 10 and see if that’s not right. He called each one of them, and Judas and every one of them, right down there. He sent them out, give them power against unclean spirits.

280 Now watch! Put on your shock-proof vest. But when Judas come right up through that church there, as the treasurer of the church, working with the pastor, the...Jesus. But when it come time to Pentecost, he showed his colors. He showed what he was. And with—with enough decency about him, he destroyed himself and hung himself on a sycamore tree, to fulfill the prophecy. And that spirit of Judas will come right up and believe the Lord Jesus

Christ. Like Jesus said, “The devils believe and tremble.” He’ll come right up and teach sanctification, just as pure a holy life as it can be; but when it comes to the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the gifts of the Spirit, he’ll deny It! He’ll show his colors every time. There’s that spirit mo-...

281 And Jesus said, “Beware!” Matthew 24, again. “The two spirits will be so close together till it would deceive the very

Elect..." Is that right? Where that pattern's laying...Brother, better believe in old-fashioned, Holy Ghost preachers around here and get right with God. That's right. Don't have a form of godliness and deny the Power thereof. Amen! Everybody feeling good? [Congregation says, "Amen!"—Ed.]

When we all get to Heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!

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We'll sing and shout the
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