

Matt 25: 1-13

- This parable is about the second coming, when Christ will return in person to this world – see 24:3,36; 25:1.
- This parable declares He will return and it warns the believers to watch, while to the religious it says, "Awake and be ready."

Intro

- The virgins are so called church members.
- The bridegroom is Christ Himself.
- The wise virgins are true believers, the saved, born again.
- The foolish may be religious but are not saved.
- The oil is the abiding of the Holy Spirit.
- The midnight cry is the second coming, Christ coming into the world.
- Going into the marriage is the reward of the believer, entering heaven.
- Being shut out means the exclusion from heaven.

1 **The "Church" will always be mixed until Christ returns.**

- The wise are those that have accepted the wisdom from the Holy Spirit, They know their sins, God, the Christian walk, and they act upon it.
- The foolish are without spiritual knowledge. They do not know their sins, God, the Christian life, heaven or hell.
- The foolish are content to be part of the church. The wise wanted to be part of the Body of Christ.

2 **The "Church" will always be in danger of forgetting the truth of the return.**

- They slept.
- This is not a condemned sleep of soul that is a backsliding. This is simply that, down the centuries, this would be a neglected truth.
- That He will return has been a foundation truth of the church since the beginning. See Acts 1:11 , Zech 14:5 , Jude 14 .
- This parable is Christ's. This is not the word or invention of the gospel writer, this is the word of God

3 **When He returns it will be sudden**

"As the lightning"

Conclusion

Jude 24,25