

ARE YOU READY?



MATTHEW 25:1-13

I. We have been chosen to participate in celebrating the Bridegroom (Matthew 25:1).



- What does purity have to do with being in the presence of God?
- How should we live differently when we consider the kingdom?
- How are we fulfilling our responsibility of being light?

II. We need to bring 'extra oil' for our lamps (v.2-6).



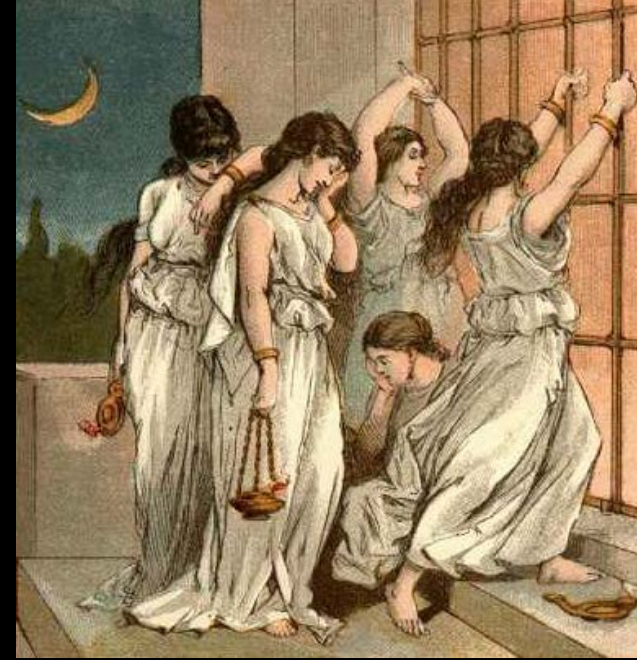
- **Why is it so important to have a reserve of 'oil' for our lamps?**
- **When have you seen believers displaying a reserve of strength?**
- **What do we need to be doing so that we have that reserve of strength?**

III. We must remember that the light is for the Bridegroom, not for us (v.7-9).



- **Why is it more important to bless the Bridegroom than to cover for others?**
- **In what situations do we need to refuse to give away our strength?**
- **What is wrong with letting the urgent crowd out the important?**

IV. There will come a time when the door is shut (v.10-12).



- Why do we need to be aware of the feeling of being outside the door?
- When does Jesus refuse to 'know' people?

V. We have been given the responsibility of being a continuing light (v.13).



- What does 'not knowing the day or the hour' have to do with a reserve of strength?
- How well are we keeping watch over our spiritual strength?

Call to Action: To grow in strength so that we can be a lasting light for Christ.



- Have you allowed Jesus to purify you so you can celebrate with Him?
- Have you devoted yourself to being a lasting light for Him?
- What are you doing to build a reservoir of strength?
- What changes do you need to make today?

-How can we help?