

# Are We Prepared to Meet Christ?

Grace Bible Chapel

Olivet Discourse Outline #11 – Matt. 25:1-13

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**Context:** Our Lord is using parables as He addressing His expected behavior for those who belong to Him while He is absent and especially in view of His promised return. He has warned us as stewards to conduct ourselves as His bond slaves doing His will (Matt. 24:45-51). Now He addresses us as being likened to bridesmaids awaiting His return at the most festive of Jewish occasions, the coming of a groom to fetch his bride. He uses the number 10 as this was a number expected for completion. For example, a minimum of 10 men were required for any celebration of the Passover. Christ is warning of the necessity of being spiritually prepared. Five of the bridesmaids were prepared, and five were not. Those unprepared appeared in all manner as the five prepared with the exception of lacking oil for lighting their torches, which was their primary function in the wedding procession. Because these were unprepared, they could not participate in the wedding feast. They missed the opportunity. As they were void of necessary oil, those void of true spiritual life will not be admitted into our Lord's kingdom.

**Broad outline (underlined is the immediate context).**

- I. Complex Questions
- II. Circumstances
- III. Compelling Answers (Matt. 24:1-44)
- IV. Circumspect Living (Matt. 24:45-25:30)
  - A. Stewardship (Matt. 24:45-51)
  - B. Status of the Unprepared (Matt. 25:1-13)

**Key Words (Matt. 25:1-13)**

- lamps (5)
- groom (4)
- oil (4)
- prudent (4)
- virgins (4)
- foolish (3)

Introduction:

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B. Status of the Unprepared (Matt. 25:1-13)

- Situation (Vs. 1-2)

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- Significant contrast (Vs. 3-4)

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- Sudden arrival (Vs. 5-7)

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- Squandered opportunity (Vs. 8-10)

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- Stark Rejection (Vs. 11-13)

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Closing:

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