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The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women[a] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.[b] **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7** Then all those young women[c] got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. **11** Later the other young women[d] came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' **13** Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.[e]

Footnotes

a. 25.1 Gk *virgins*

b. 25.1 Other ancient authorities add *and the bride*

c. 25.7 Gk *virgins*

d. 25.11 Gk *virgins*

e. 25.13 Other ancient authorities add *in which the Son of Man is coming*

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