

Marriage Prep Reflects Our Future Rapture Encounter **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.

1. Where you now operate is like this example (like but not verbatim).
2. Ten Virgins (to be as or like the bride in preparation and expectation).
3. The authentic means to be a witness.
4. They went forth to meet the Bridegroom (confident at the time and prepared).

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. moros (unlearned not Godlike)

1. Jesus said 5 had the record of making proper applications of Gods knowledge
2. Jesus said due to previous observations there were 5 who did not.

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.

His analysis of character proves to be correct. It would appear the foolish had tried to estimate the arrival of the Bridegroom (evening star) got just enough oil to start out. The wise brought extra. (always willing to go the extra mile).

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

1. The bridegroom did not come when they had anticipated or desired.
Expectations we have often come with assumed time restraints

Hebrews 6:12: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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

1. From the home of the Bridegroom his friends (I call you no more servants but Friends (John 15:15 just before he leaves).
2. Those appointed by the Bride hear the cry and tell them to rise up.
Even if you were sleep there were those you had assigned to wake you up!

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

1. Stand like you stood in practice.
2. Trim the wick that your lamp is at its brightest.
3. Proverbs 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
Staying with what God had in mind your marriage gets better and better!
4. You move to make sure everything is in order.

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

Matthew 5:16: "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

1. The responsibility of the lamp shining rest on you yielding to Gods order.
2. What substance would make the light to burn? What substance would make your light brighter?
3. Jesus said at the time of his return the "love of many would wax cold" Matthew 24:12 (waning love in the Greek).
4. John 13:35 - By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

The lack of it makes you go to sleep on the things of God the wise and the foolish.

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.

1. Unfinished business.
2. Elisha, un-forgiveness and offenses at home will adversely affect your marriage and relationship with The Bridegroom.
3. The time they had together in one room it was suggested they go well before the bridegroom came.

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.

1. The call for preparation had to be heeded to before he arrives.
2. You should be preparing yourself for marriage long before you do.

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.

1. Did they do what was said?
2. Similar language, Luke 13:25 & Mathew 7:21.

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