

Be Wise

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Text

Mat 25:1-13

Objective

1. To make people wise in preparing for Jesus' coming.
2. To instruct that being wise is a must.
3. To remind believers that we must be wise always

Introduction:

Don't you know that you can start well and strong but may you may end up weak and lacking or you can be excited and end up saddened or you can be in the company of believers but you are left out at the rapture of the believers? The Parable of the 10 virgins will show us that we need something to participate in the wedding.

Lesson We Can Learn

1. In Christian world there is always believers who are wise and foolish

v1 The kingdom of heaven is like what happened one night when ten girls took their oil lamps and went to a wedding to meet the groom.

v2 Five of the girls were foolish and five were wise.

2. You cannot be wise by taking things for granted or procrastinating.

v.3 The foolish ones took their lamps, but no extra oil.

It doesn't mean that having oil lamp will guarantee them to participation in the wedding.

They have the oil lamp except , it does not last long.

Illus1. Every engineer knows what a safety factor means. It implies it cannot take for granted the exactness of anything and no allowance for error or mistake.

3. Being wise is having extra (to ready, to be on-guard, to be prepared)

v.4 The ones who were wise took along extra oil for their lamps.

The difference between the wise and the foolish is the word extra.

Extra means reserve , assurance, margin ,allowance .

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Saying: The difference between extraordinary person with the ordinary is the word extra . How to have extra oil ? You can't have extra oil by just attending fellowship, you need to pray and read God's word. Long time will waiting will wear your oil of gladness and excitement if you are not prepared by prayer and word.

4. Being wise is being expectant of Jesus coming that is certain

V10. While the foolish girls were on their way to get some oil, the groom arrived.

The girls who were ready went into the wedding, and the doors were closed.

Being expectant lessen the nervousness of being surprised

Being expectant make you less ignorant of what is happening

5. Being a virgin (believer) is no guarantee of marriage to the bridegroom (rapture) .

A. Common in all of them

1. all are virgins v.1 ,
2. all have oil lamps v.1,
3. all get tired(human)v5,
4. all are excited to meet the bridegroom v.7
5. all are look alike, dress alike and thought alike

B. Difference between the ten virgins

1. five were foolish –five were wise
2. five wise have extra oil – other five foolish don't have extra oil
3. In short the five wise were prepared-and the other five foolish were unprepared

C. The foolish overlooked their responsibility and ignored what they knew to be important .

Conclusion

Jesus is coming soon, Are you ready?

1. Time of the end will come to both v6-7
2. Only the wise can join the bridegroom
3. The foolish can never participate in wedding .

They knew where to go but they were shut off

They knew now what to do but it was is late

They knew him. But he said I never knew you. Will it be a time of joy or a time of remorse and regret ?