



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Parable of the 10 Virgins

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[1] “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] For 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, they all became drowsy and slept.



But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'



[10] And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13] Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (ESV)



Book of Daniel

Chapters 2, 7, and 8

Daniel prophesied Alexander the Great coming
200 years before he was born.





Why did God give Daniel the prophecy?

1. For God's glory to be revealed
2. To give us reason and evidence to believe God



What is Important?

This parable gives the immediate best insight as to why Jesus shared the prophecies in Mathew 24.

What is important. Not, What is religious.



What is Important?

2 Timothy 3:16–17

[16] All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (ESV)



What is Important?

Teaching and reproof – Beware false prophets

The correction – do not fade away from the things, I have taught you. Persevere.

Perseverance will train you in righteousness



What is Important?

Romans 5: 1-5

[1] Therefore, since we have been justified **by faith, we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2] Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God...



What is Important?

...Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been **poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit** who has been given to us. (ESV)



What is Important?

A Persevering and Preserving Faith in Jesus.

"Do not doubt in the dark what was true in the light"

- C Spurgeon



Beware the temptations of the day

- Perhaps your mind is consumed with...
- We live in the worst of times...
- Disaster is looming and my culture is...
- Unrighteous act of people in power, assassinations, genocides, wars, economic collapse...



Perspective and Conclusion

Socrates

&

CS Lewis "*Learning in Wartime*"



Application

- Do not ignore the invitation of the Christ.
- God's calling you into His Grace and Mercy via His invitation.
- Do not wait until the "door is closed"



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