

FAITHFULNESS

Faithfulness in the Bible means *steadfast loyalty rooted in trust* — a firm, unwavering reliability grounded in God's character. **EXODUS 34:6-7**

Both Hebrew and Greek Scripture define it not as emotion, but as *covenant-keeping stability* — the quality of someone who can be counted on completely.



What Faithfulness *Looks Like* Biblically

- **Trustworthiness** — dependable in word and action. [StudyLight.org](#)
- **Loyalty** — fidelity toward God or others.
- **Steadfastness** — firm, stable, unmoved by circumstances.
- **Covenant reliability** — keeping commitments as God keeps His.
- **Active allegiance** — not passive belief, but lived loyalty. [biblescholarship.c...](#)

Matthew 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. ³ Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

6 “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ 7 Then all those virgins arose 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, ‘*No*, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

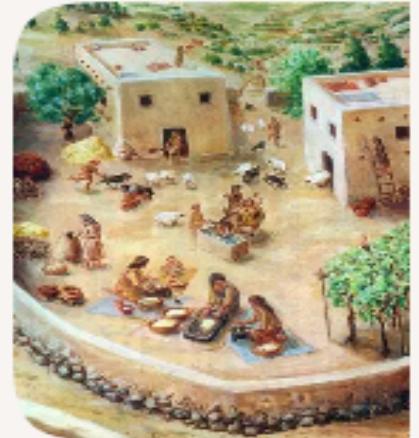


The Social World of Marriage in First-Century Israel

Marriage was not a private romantic event. It was:

- A **legal covenant** between families
- A **public celebration** of communal honor
- A **religious act** tied to purity and covenant identity
- A **multi-day event** involving the entire village

Marriage was considered one of the most important social institutions in Jewish life.





John 14:1-3

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many mansions (dwelling places, rooms); if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again** and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.