

Parables

MESSAGE NOTES

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Staying Alert
Matthew 25:1-13

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Jesus is coming and we must live ready

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like...”

An expression Matthew uses to describe the mystery of the Kingdom especially as it relates to living in the present age.

1. **The bridegroom:** Jesus has delayed his coming, but could return at any time

2. **The wise bridesmaids:** Christ followers must live prepared and wait with eager anticipation for His return

What is an idol?

It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.

Tim Keller: Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope that Matters

3. **The foolish bridesmaids:** when the end comes it will be too late to undo the damage of neglect and hardened hearts

QUESTION: So who exactly are these foolish bridesmaids?

ANSWER (Pt. 1): religious Jews

ANSWER (Pt. 2):

- a. Religious people *Isaiah 64:6*
- b. Spiritual people *John 14:6*
- c. Good people *Romans 3:10*

Now What?

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