

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL**

**27 September 2020**

**Text: Matthew 25:1-13**

**Subject: Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### 1. The Kingdom of Heaven

- a) Many aspects
- b) Entrance into the Kingdom
- c) Awaiting the Return of the Lord

#### 2. Symbols

- a) Wedding Feast of a King for his son
- b) Special Dinner of a Man
- c) These are symbols of joy

### **THE PARABLE OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH VIRGINS**

#### 1. The Context is noted after the Parable is told

*“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”*  
*Matthew 25:13*

#### 2. Variations

- a) Context noted before the telling of a parable
- b) Context revealed after the telling of a parable

### **FEATURES OF THE PARABLE**

#### 1. The Bridegroom

#### 2. Ten virgins

- a) 5 Wise virgins
- b) 5 Foolish virgins

#### 3. The Wedding

## THE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

### 1. The Return of the Lord Jesus Christ

- a) Compared to a Wedding Feast
- b) Invitation is given to attend the Wedding Feast

### 2. Understanding the Waiting Period

- a) The present
- b) Till the Arrival of the Groom

### 3. The Virgins' Part

- a) They are given oil lamps
- b) They must make sure that their lamps have sufficient oil to last through the night

### 4. How did some become wise?

- a) By taking heed
- b) By appreciating the invitation to attend the wedding reception
- c) By a sustained relationship with the Bridegroom
- d) Effort
- e) Determination

### 5. How did some become foolish?

- a) Through being careless
- b) By taking things for granted
- c) Not appreciating the Invitation to the wedding enough
- d) Not a strong relationship with the bridegroom
- e) Other personal life problems
  - i) Carelessness
  - ii) Lack of commitment to see something through

iii) Laziness

iv) Not thinking

## 6. Consequences

a) Shut out

b) Regrets!

## **THE CHALLENGE TO BE WATCHFUL**

### 1. What may help us to be watchful?

a) Knowledge and understanding about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

b) Negative features

Matthew 25

i) Tribulation

ii) Cataclysmic problems

iii) Personal difficulties

b) Positive features

1 Thessalonians 4

1 Peter

i) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming is a glorious event

ii) The Lord would usher in a glorious kingdom

iii) We would be part of the Wedding Reception

iv) There is every reason to look forward to Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

### 2. A vibrant faith relationship with the Lord

a) Closeness

b) Joy

c) Strength

d) Ministry

e) Blessings

These would help sustain us in our effort to be watchful for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ!

3. Personal Effort

a) Things we can do to sustain wisdom

- i) Read
- ii) Learn
- iii) Grow
- iv) Serve
- v) Seek revival

b) Things we can do to prevent foolishness

- i) Avoid bad company
- ii) Don't be influenced by the world
- iii) Don't backslide
- iv) Don't stagnate
- v) Don't let sin dominate