

Romans 13:11 NLT

This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. WAKE UP, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

- For the true people of God who are [awake](#), prepared and getting ready, it is an exciting time.
- For the people who are [asleep](#), unaware, dull of spirit or lukewarm, it is a cause for great concern.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 KJV

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come [a falling away](#) first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition

- 'falling away' in Greek means [apostasy](#).
- Apostasy - to [rebel](#) against a previous religious loyalty

1 Timothy 4:1 NASB

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will [fall away from the faith](#), paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,...

- God sent His Son to die for [HIS PLAN](#) of redemption, not the "Mix and Match" plan that people invent.
- Matthew 25 contains 3 parables that clarify for us what it means to [be ready](#) for Jesus' return and [how to live](#) until He comes.
  1. Parable of the 10 Virgins
  2. Parable of the 3 servants
  3. Parable of the Sheep and Goats
- Parable of the 10 Virgins teaches us that each person is [responsible](#) for his or her own spiritual condition.

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

Matthew 25:1-13 ESV

- 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.
- 6 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.

- [Oil](#) is a symbol for the Holy Spirit.
- The [intimacy](#) I share with God through my obedience and faithfulness makes my lamp burn brighter.

Jesus is shouting:

**"BE PREPARED - I LOVE YOU - WAKE UP!"**

Don't sleep through your dream in this life!