



HOUSE OF HOPE

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THE 10 VIRGINS

MATHEW 25

- 25 “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; ^[a] 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 ^[b] in which the Son of Man is coming.



Key words

- **Virgins or Bridesmaids**
 - **Oil**
 - **Heaven**
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- **There must be a lot who have run out of oil in the church today:**
- **Only 1 out of 10 of the British attend church regularly.**
- **7 out of 10 children brought up in the church quit before the age of 15.**
- **5% of reported church members (on Electoral Rolls) cannot be found because they don't exist.**
- **10% cannot be found because they have left or moved away**

- **20% never pray.**
- **25% never read their Bibles.**
- **30% never attend church.**
- **40% never give to any cause.**

- **60% never go to Extra Sunday services.**
- **70% never give to Missions.**
- **80% never go to Prayer Meetings.**
- **95% never win anyone to Jesus**

How to refill

- Isaiah 40:31

But those who **wait on the Lord** Shall renew *their* strength; **They** shall mount up with wings like eagles, **They** shall run and not be weary, **They** shall walk and not faint.



How to fill up

Personal time

- Prayer, word, worship

Grouptime

- Serve,..... Mary and Martha together
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