

The door is about to close

Matthew 25:1-13

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*“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup> Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup> “And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.*

# **Matthew 25:1-13**

***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.'***



**“THE OLIVET DISCOURSE”** BECAUSE IT IS A SERMON GIVEN BY OUR LORD TO HIS DISCIPLES ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.



His own message about  
His own second coming

**Matthew 24:3**

*“Tell us,  
**when** will  
these things  
be?”*



# Matthew 24:4-35

*What* will be the  
*signs?*



# The Uncertainty of the Hour

## Matthew 24:36

*“But of that day  
and hour no one  
knows, not even  
the angels  
of heaven, but My  
Father only.”*



A close-up photograph of a clock face. The clock has a white dial with black numbers and hands. The hour hand is a thick blue needle, and the minute hand is a thinner orange needle. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the clock's hands and the text overlaid on it.

# Matthew

## 24:42

*Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.*

# *Matthew 24:44*

*Therefore you  
also be ready, for  
the Son of Man is  
coming at an  
hour you do not  
expect.*



# Matthew 24:50

*50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,*

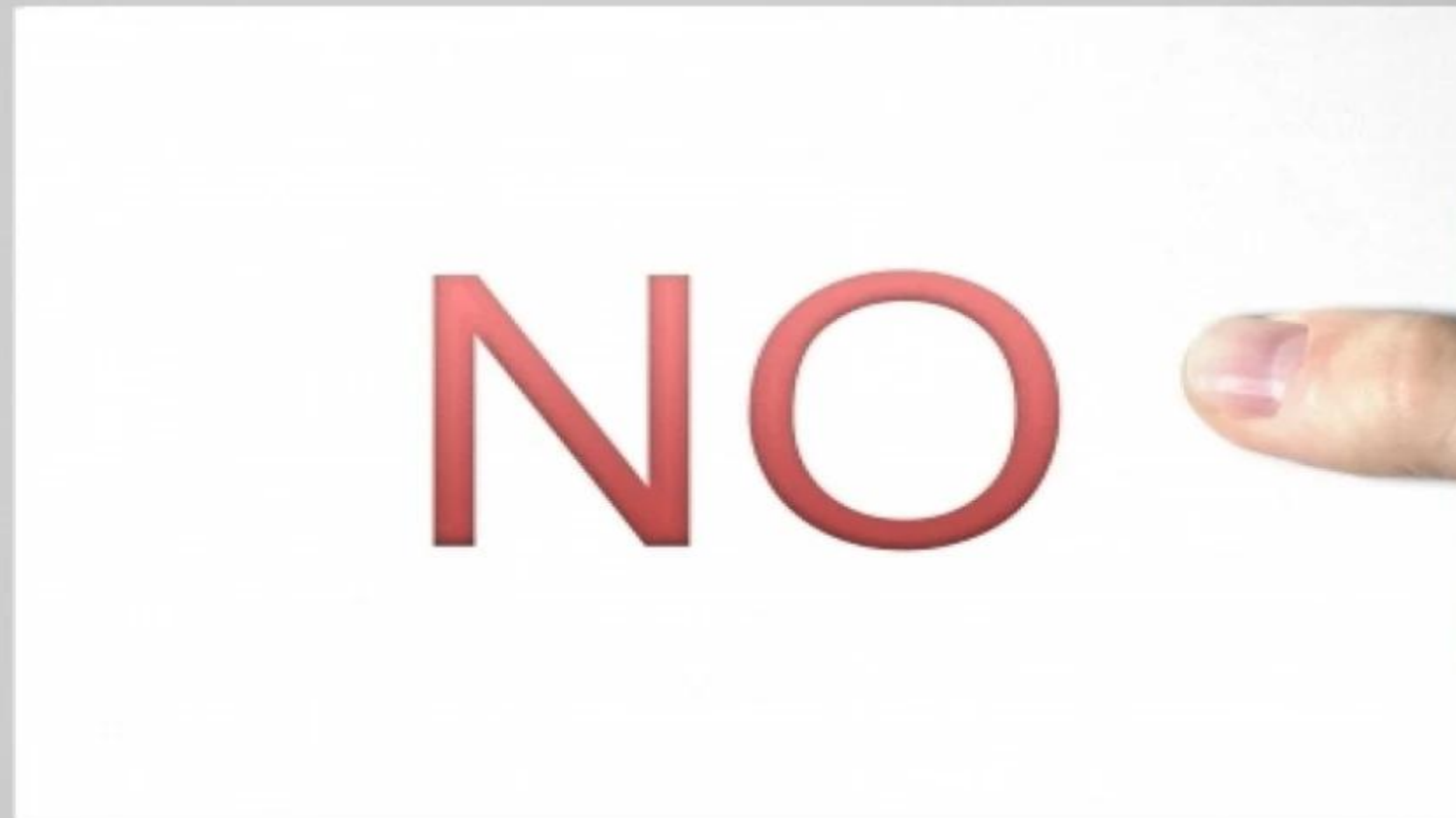


# Matthew 25:13

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





**When will it be?**

**Answer: "No one will ever know."**



**Matthew 24:4-31**

**“birth pangs”**



THE LORD WILL COME  
AS A THIEF IN THE  
NIGHT, UNEXPECTEDLY  
AND SUDDENLY.

# Matthew 25:1

*Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.*



Alertness,  
readiness, and  
preparedness



# LUKE 19:41-42

*Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes."*





**SECOND CHANCE**



ALL WE NEED TO KNOW IS FOUR THINGS:

1. THE WEDDING,

2. THE BRIDESMAIDS,

3. THE BRIDEGROOM,

4. THE WARNING.

# 1. THE WEDDING.





A) ENGAGEMENT.

B) BETROTHAL.

C) WEDDING.

# 2. The bridesmaids.



**Matthew 25:1**

***ten virgins  
who took  
their lamps***





JOHN 18:3

A woman in a white, long-sleeved, lace-trimmed dress stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and a soft shadow of the woman on the grass. Her hands are resting on the grass. The text "PARTHENOS" is overlaid in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline.

**PARTHENOS**

**AN UNMARRIED GIRL.**



**THEY ALL HAVE ON THEIR WEDDING GARMENTS.**

**THEY ARE ALL CHOSEN BRIDESMAIDS.**

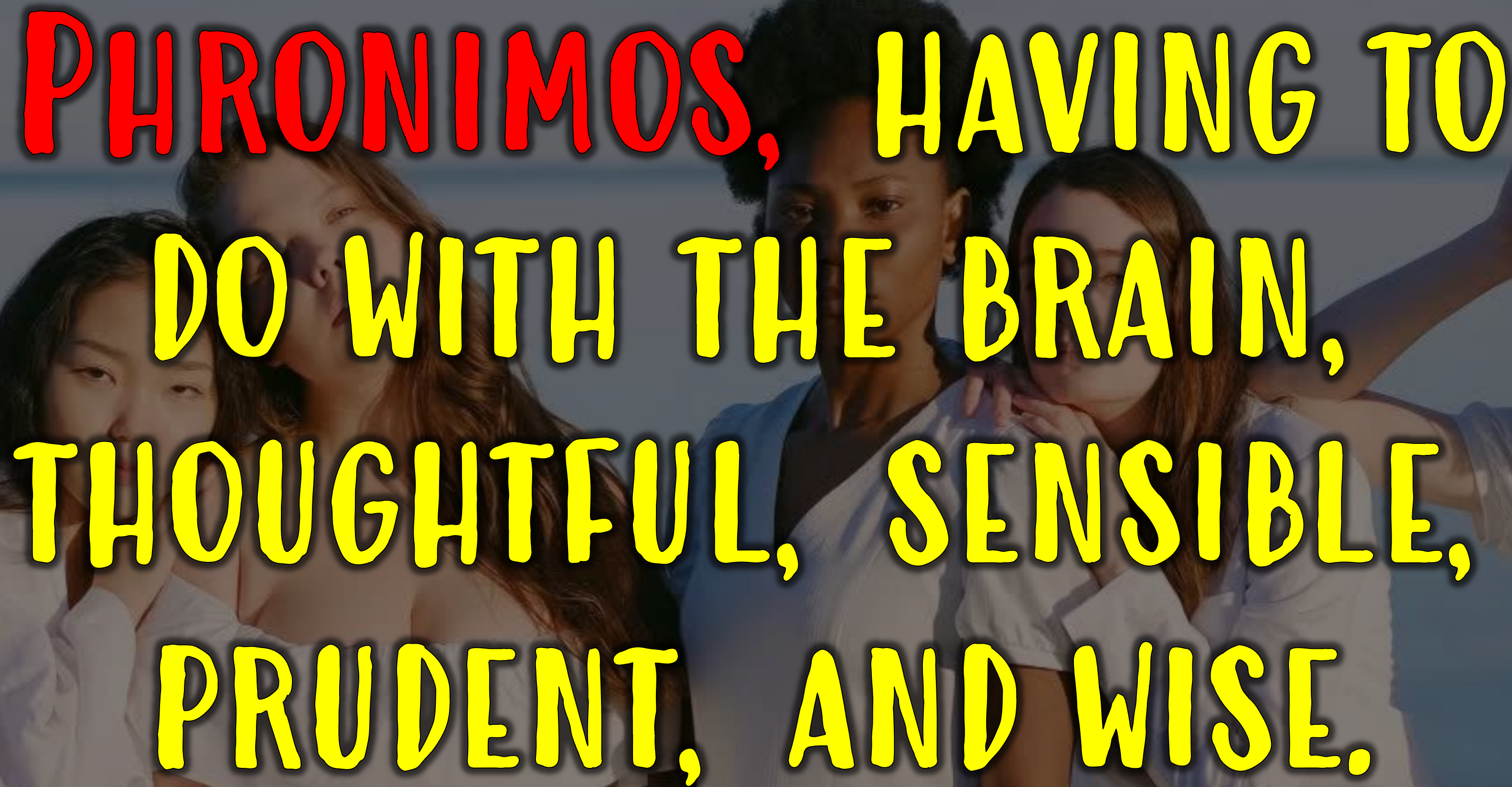
**THEY ALL ATTEND TO THE BRIDE.**

**THEY ALL HAVE THEIR TORCHES.**

# Matthew 25:2

*Now five of  
them were  
wise, and  
five were  
foolish.*



A group of five young women, likely medical students, are shown from the chest up. They are all wearing white lab coats. They are standing close together, looking in various directions. The background is a solid, light blue color. The text is overlaid on the image, with the first word in red and the rest in yellow.

**PHRONIMOS, HAVING TO  
DO WITH THE BRAIN,  
THOUGHTFUL, SENSIBLE,  
PRUDENT, AND WISE.**

FIVE WERE MōROS,  
FROM WHICH WE  
GET OUR WORD  
MORON, STUPID.



# MATTHEW 25:3-4



*Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*

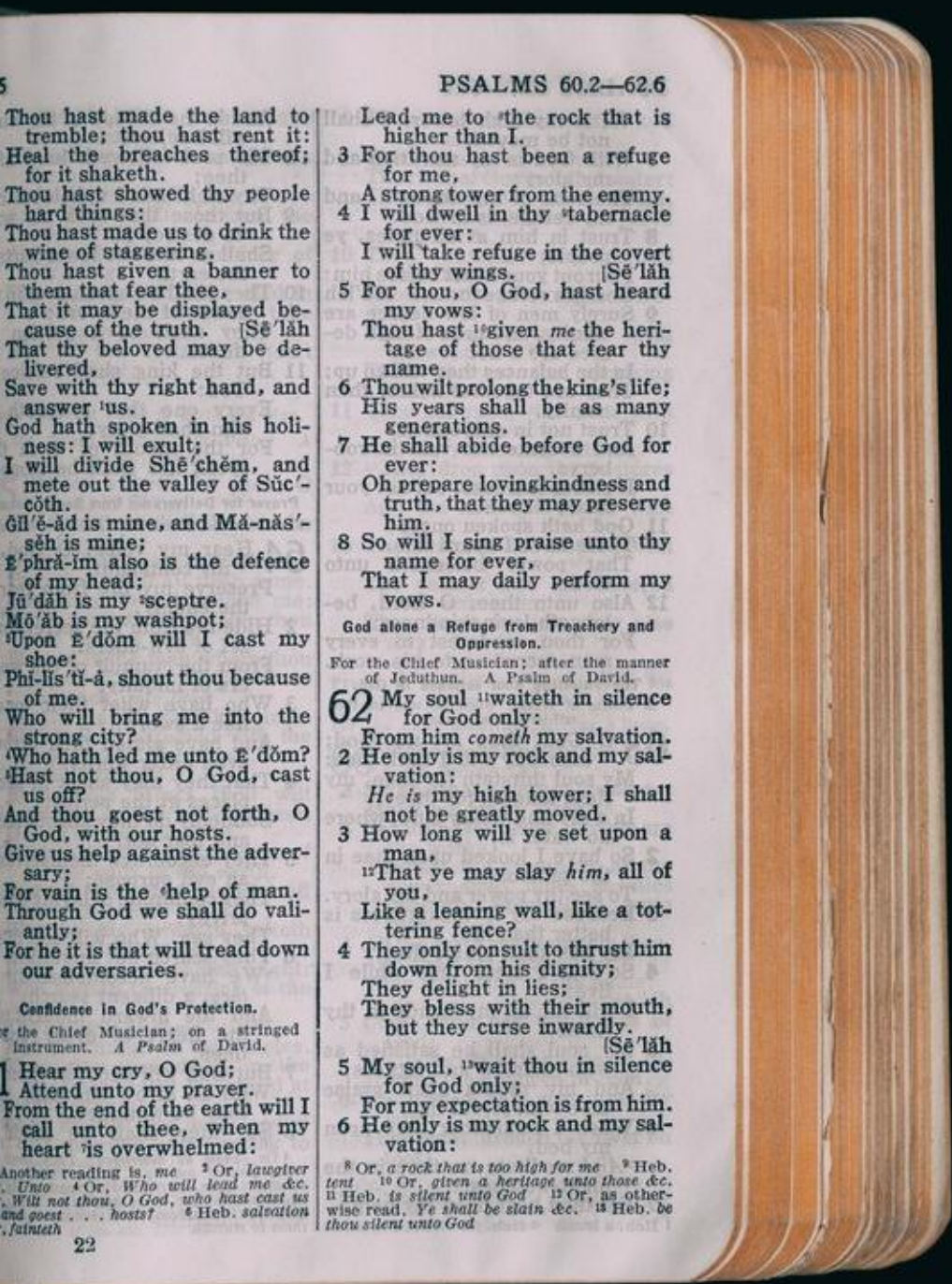
A close-up photograph of a glass of oil being poured into a metal container. The oil is a golden-yellow color and is captured in mid-pour, creating a dynamic, flowing shape. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. Overlaid on the image is the text "THE OIL IS LIKE THE GARMENT." in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font with a black outline, centered horizontally and split across two lines.

**THE OIL IS LIKE THE  
GARMENT.**



# Matthew 22:11

*But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.*



Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast rent it: Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.  
 Thou hast showed thy people hard things:  
 Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.  
 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee.  
 That it may be displayed because of the truth. (Sē'lāh)  
 That thy beloved may be delivered,  
 Save with thy right hand, and answer us.  
 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult;  
 I will divide Shē'chem, and mete out the valley of Sūc-cōth.  
 Gīl'ē-ād is mine, and Mā-nās-sēh is mine;  
 E'phrā-im also is the defence of my head;  
 Jū'dāh is my sceptre.  
 Mō'āb is my washpot;  
 Upon E'dōm will I cast my shoe:  
 Phi-lis-ti-ā, shout thou because of me.  
 Who will bring me into the strong city?  
 Who hath led me unto E'dōm?  
 Hast not thou, O God, cast us off?  
 And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.  
 Give us help against the adversary;  
 For vain is the help of man.  
 Through God we shall do valiantly;  
 For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.  
 3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,  
 A strong tower from the enemy.  
 4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever:  
 I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. (Sē'lāh)  
 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:  
 Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.  
 6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life;  
 His years shall be as many generations.  
 7 He shall abide before God for ever:  
 Oh prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.  
 8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,  
 That I may daily perform my vows.  
 God alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.  
 For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.  
 62 My soul waiteth in silence for God only:  
 From him cometh my salvation.  
 2 He only is my rock and my salvation:  
 He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.  
 3 How long will ye set upon a man,  
 That ye may slay him, all of you,  
 Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?  
 4 They only consult to thrust him down from his dignity;  
 They delight in lies;  
 They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. (Sē'lāh)  
 5 My soul, wait thou in silence for God only:  
 For my expectation is from him.  
 6 He only is my rock and my salvation:

Another reading is, me <sup>1</sup> Or, lawgiver  
 Unto <sup>2</sup> Or, Who will lead me &c.  
 Will not thou, O God, who hast cast us  
 and goest . . . hosts? <sup>3</sup> Heb. salvation  
 waiteth  
<sup>4</sup> Or, a rock that is too high for me <sup>5</sup> Heb.  
 tent <sup>6</sup> Or, given a heritage unto those &c.  
<sup>7</sup> Heb. is silent unto God <sup>8</sup> Or, as other-  
 wise read, Ye shall be slain &c. <sup>9</sup> Heb. be  
 thou silent unto God

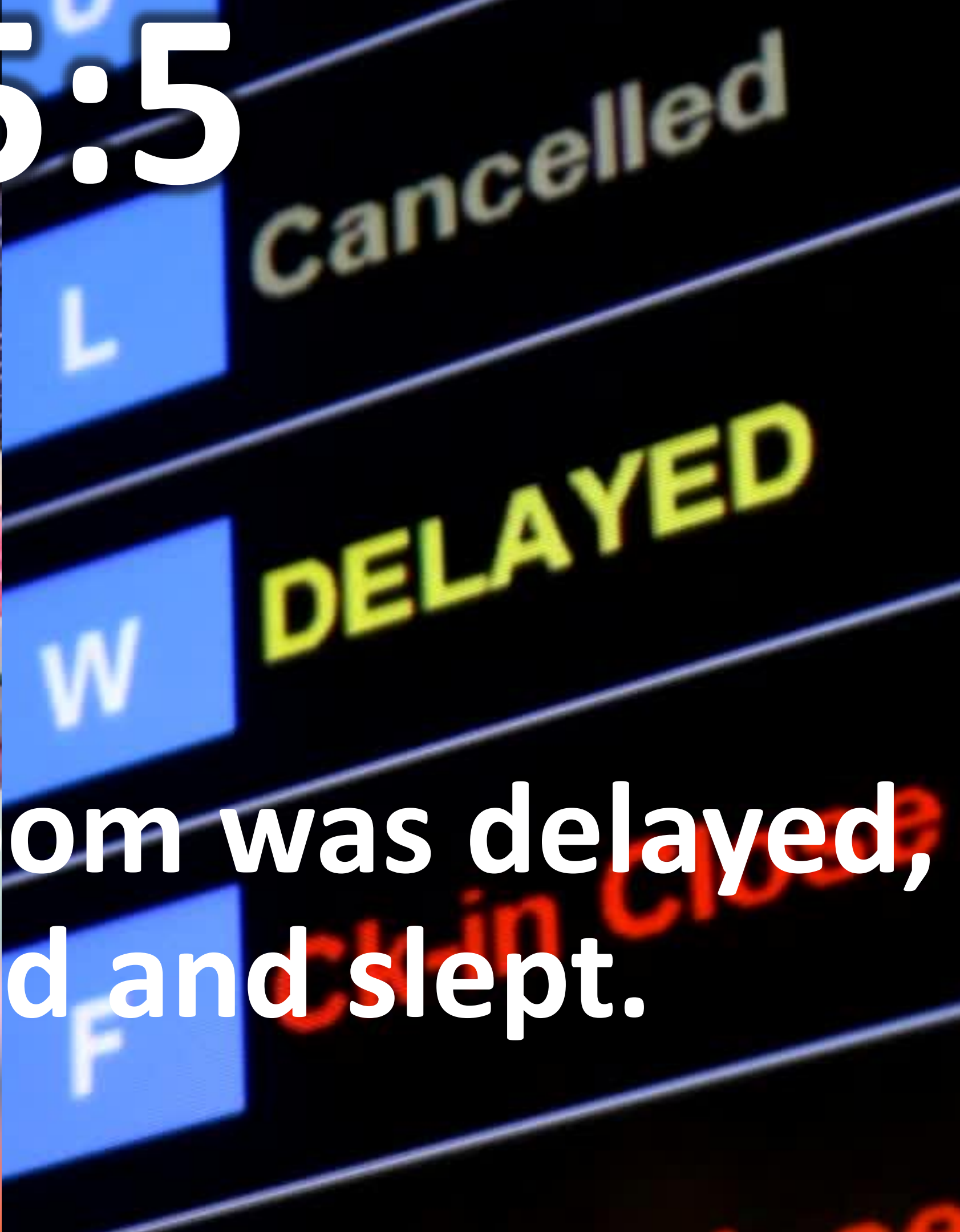
# 2 Timothy 3:5

having a form of  
 godliness but denying  
 its power. And from  
 such people turn away!

# WHEAT AND TARES



# Matthew 25:5



But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

*IN the* **Matthew 24**  
*heaven*  
*2 And the earth*  
*and void;*  
**and Matthew 25**



# **Matthew 24:4-31**

**describing some  
general signs  
that would occur  
immediately  
prior to His  
second coming.**

# Matthew 24:40-41

*Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.*



# THE DAYS OF NOAH



**Matthew**  
**24:38**

*But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark*

# 3. THE BRIDEGROOM

## Matthew 25:6

“And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’”

# EXODUS 12:29

**And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock.**

# MATTHEW 25:6

“And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’”

# MATTHEW 25:7

Then all those  
virgins arose  
and trimmed their  
lamps

# 2 CORINTHIANS 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

*Examine*

# MATTHEW 25:8

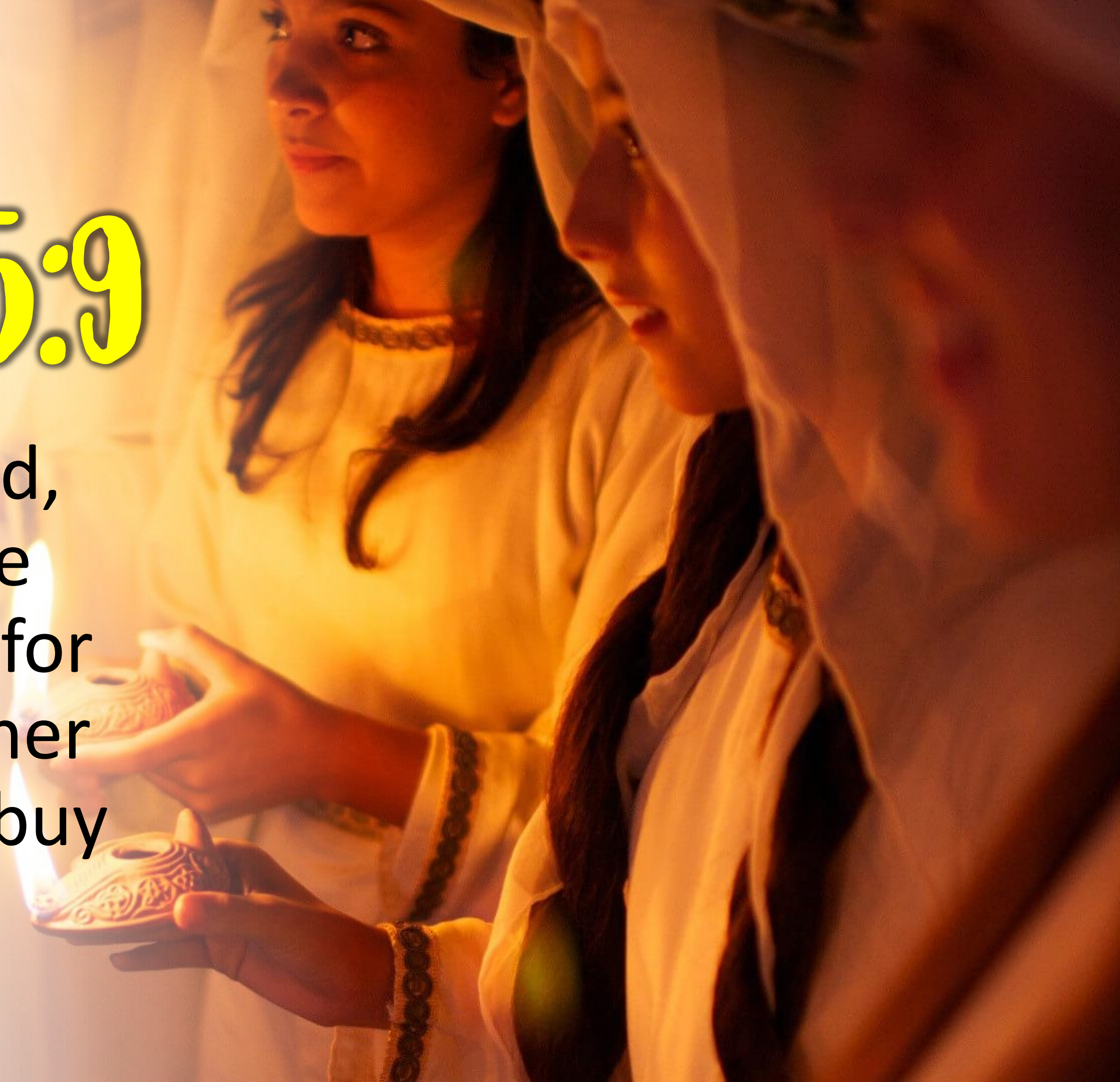
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And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'



# MATTHEW 25:9

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.'



A clear glass is being filled with water from a source above. The water is splashing and creating bubbles as it enters the glass. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white.

# ISAIAH 55:1-2

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, And you  
who have no money, Come, buy and  
eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk  
Without money and without price.

# Luke 6:46 -49

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*“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? <sup>47</sup> Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: <sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock*



# MATTHEW

## 25:10

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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



ELEMENT	SYMBOLIC MEANING
BRIDEGROOM	JESUS CHRIST, RETURNING AT AN UNEXPECTED HOUR
TEN VIRGINS	PROFESSING BELIEVERS (THE VISIBLE CHURCH), ALL AWAITING CHRIST'S RETURN
LAMPS	OUTWARD PROFESSION OF FAITH OR SPIRITUAL LIFE

ELEMENT	SYMBOLIC MEANING
OIL	INNER SPIRITUAL REALITY—OFTEN INTERPRETED AS THE HOLY SPIRIT, GENUINE FAITH, OR READINESS
SLEEP	THE DELAY BEFORE CHRIST'S RETURN; ALL EXPERIENCE IT, BUT ONLY SOME ARE PREPARED
MIDNIGHT CRY	THE SUDDEN ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRIST'S RETURN

ELEMENT	SYMBOLIC MEANING
CLOSED DOOR	FINAL JUDGMENT—ENTRY INTO THE KINGDOM IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE
WISE VIRGINS	TRUE BELIEVERS WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY PREPARED AND PERSEVERING
FOOLISH VIRGINS	THOSE WHO APPEAR READY BUT LACK TRUE SPIRITUAL LIFE

# MATTHEW

## 7:22-23

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*Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'*



# LUKE

## 13:23-28

*Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able."*



# MATTHEW 25:11

Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'

# MATTHEW 25:12

**But he  
answered and  
said,  
'Assuredly, I  
say to you, I  
do not know  
you.'**



# 4. THE WARNING.

WARNING

A male deer with large, velvet-covered antlers stands in a green field. The deer is facing left, looking slightly towards the camera. The background is a lush green field with some dry grass and twigs scattered on the ground.

# MATTHEW 25:12

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

# LUKE 21:34-36

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“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.





Unprepared

**DON'T BE CAUGHT UNPREPARED**

