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THE PARABLES OF THE WEDDING FEAST AND OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH VIRGINS

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

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Through Jesus, the kingdom of heaven has been opened to all. We do not know when Jesus will return, but we must be ready for when He does.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	The church is the bride of Christ, and God is merciful and just.
<i>Good Work</i>	Put off the old man and put on the new Be continually filled with the Holy Spirit.

A. The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Mt 22:1–14)

This parable teaches us about the second coming and how we should prepare for it, from how we need to receive our own invitation – the gospel of salvation – to what we need to wear. To remain at the feast, we must wear the proper garment. And in order to obtain this white garment, we must receive water baptism for the remission of sins.

Life Application: Let Your Garments Always Be White

The wedding garment in this parable represents “the righteous acts of the saints” (Rev 19:8). This means that to attend the wedding feast that is eternal life, we must live a righteous life, which is a life of: obedience to God’s will, godly characteristics, and good works.

- Keeping our garments unblemished requires constant care and vigilance on a daily basis. Read Ephesians 4:20–24. What do you need to “put off” in your life to keep your garment clean?

B. The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins (Mt 25:1–13)

Like the previous parable, the wedding represents the second coming of Christ and teaches us about the importance of being ready for Him. One of the things we must always remember is that we do not know when He will return, only that it will be at an unexpected moment.

Life Application: Are We Ready to Meet the Bridegroom?

Receiving water baptism and the Holy Spirit are only the first steps in our faith. God has extended an invitation to the heavenly kingdom, to receive eternal life itself. But are we ready to meet Him?

- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:6–7. How can we fight against falling asleep spiritually?

Life Application: The Effects of Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit continuously imbues our spiritual lives with strength from above. Our lives are renewed day by day through His ministry, allowing us to mature spiritually so that we conform more and more to the image of Christ. It is a daily process in which we can experience the work of the spirit in many ways.

- Of the ten ways the Spirit helps us, which do you remember experiencing the most?

Life Application: Filled with the Spirit Continually and Consistently

Being filled with the Spirit is a daily renewal that we need to actively practice (Tit 3:5), so that we are like the five wise virgins, ready and prepared for Jesus’ coming at any time.

- What kind of personal support can we build up, find, or discover in order to maintain a fruitful spiritual lifestyle with the fullness of the Holy Spirit?

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Lesson 3 Homework Assignment

The Parables of the Wedding Feast
and of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Matthew 25:13):

1. What are we watching for, and why do we need to watch for it?
2. What do these two parables teach us about?
3. What does the wedding garment represent? What kind of life do we need to live to keep it white?
4. What does the oil represent? What does it mean that it cannot be shared?
5. What does it mean to fall asleep spiritually? How can we prevent this?
6. How can we actively renew ourselves daily in the Spirit?