WISE AND UNWISE VIRGINS IN MATT 25:1–13:

1. WHAT THEY HAD IN COMMON

Both the wise and unwise virgins:

- **Were virgins (set apart, outwardly pure)**
- **Had lamps (they had light / revelation)**
- **Were waiting for the Bridegroom**
- **Fell asleep while waiting (just being human)**
- **Heard the midnight cry**
- **Rose up to meet Him**

All ten appear were believers, not outsiders.

2. THE DIVIDING LINE

Matthew 25:4 "But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps."

Wise virgins DID

- **Took extra oil in their vessels**
- **Prepared ahead of time**
- **Had a personal supply, not borrowed**
- **Endured the delay**
- **Were ready when the Bridegroom arrived**
- **Entered the wedding feast**

They understood that waiting for the Bridegroom requires ongoing faithfulness, not a one-time experience.

Foolish (unwise) virgins DID NOT

- **Bring extra oil , prepare for delay**
- **Manage their own supply and remain ready to the end**

They had lamps, but no sustaining oil.

3. WHAT DOES THE OIL REPRESENT?

Oil consistently represents the Ruach HaKodesh working in obedience and faithfulness in Torah (not emotion alone)

Oil is associated with:

- **Anointing (Exodus 30)**
- **Light in the menorah (Exodus 27:20)**
- **Obedience and covenant faithfulness (Leviticus)**
- **Endurance and readiness**

Proverbs 13:9
"The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked will be put out."

This is not about having heard truth, but walking in it.

4. TORAH CONNECTION

Oil had to be: Pure, Crushed, continually supplied

Exodus 27:20 "You shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually."

The wise virgins reflect those who:

- **Live a continual walk of obedience (in Yah's Ways)**
- **Allow the pressing that produces oil**
- **Maintain covenant faithfulness while waiting**

The foolish had knowledge, but not obedient endurance.

5. WHY THEY COULD NOT SHARE THE OIL

Oil cannot be transferred at the last moment.

You cannot borrow:

- **Relationship**
- **Obedience**

- **Faithfulness**
- **Preparation**
- **Covenant walk**

6. THE MOST SOBERING STATEMENT

Matthew 25:12 "Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you."

This echoes: Matthew 7:23
"I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."

LAWLESSNESS = TORAHLESSNESS.

The foolish virgins had lamps (profession), but lived without faithful obedience.

7. SUMMARY

Wise Virgins	***Foolish Virgins***
Prepared in advance	**Assumed readiness**
Extra oil	**No reserve**
Endured delay	**Failed in endurance**
Walked faithfully	**Relied on appearance**
Known by the Bridegroom	**Not recognized**
Entered the feast	**Shut out**

8. THE WARNING AND THE CALL

Matthew 25:13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

To watch is not to speculate — It is to live faithfully, obediently, and prepared every day.

The wise virgins lived a sustained, obedient covenant walk in Torah, empowered by the Ruach, while the foolish relied on outward light without inner preparation or endurance.