

# TEN VIRGINS PARABLE

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MATT 25: 1 - 13

# TRADITIONAL BELIEF

It is often *believed and taught*:

- the Ten Virgin Parable, with its Midnight Cry Message is all in the past, and that it finished in 1844.
- Testimony of Jesus concerning this parable, completely refutes this long-standing tradition.
- Let us establish from the Testimony of Jesus, that the Ten Virgin Parable, is **present truth** for all Advent believers right until the **end of probationary time**

## R. & H., BOOK 2, P. 419

“When the third angel's message is preached as it should be, power attends its proclamation, and it becomes an abiding influence. It must be attended with divine power, or it will accomplish nothing. I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable **has been** and **will be** *fulfilled to the very letter*, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and **will continue to be present truth till the close of time.**” {RH, August 19, 1890 par. 3}

# WHEN IS SDAS MIDNIGHT CRY

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## Unsanctified Ministers Will Be Weeded Out

The great issue **so near** at hand [enforcement of Sunday laws] **will weed out those whom God has not appointed** and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.--3SM 385 (1886).  
{LDE 179.2}

# WHEN IS SDAS MIDNIGHT CRY

Oh, that the people might know **the time of their visitation!** There are many **who have not yet heard the testing truth for this time.** There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. **The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of MERCY for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth.** Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; **His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter.** {9T 97.2}

The mercy of God is shown in His long forbearance. He is holding back His judgments, waiting for the message of warning to be sounded to all. **Oh, if our people would feel as they should the responsibility resting upon them to give the last message of mercy to the world, what a wonderful work would be done!** {9T 97.3}

# WHEN IS SDAS MIDNIGHT CRY

As the ministration of Jesus closed in the holy place, and He passed into the holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, He sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world. A parchment was placed in the angel's hand, and as he descended to the earth in power and majesty, he proclaimed a fearful warning, with the most terrible threatening ever borne to man. This message was designed to put the children of God upon their guard, by showing them the hour of temptation and anguish that was before them. Said the angel, "They will be brought into close combat with the beast and his image. Their only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast. Although their lives are at stake, they must hold fast the truth." The third angel closes his message thus: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." As he repeated these words, he pointed to the heavenly sanctuary. The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to the most holy place, where Jesus stands before the ark, making His final intercession for all those for whom MERCY STILL LINGERS and for those who have ignorantly broken the law of God. This atonement is made for the righteous dead as well as for the righteous living. It includes all who died trusting in Christ, but who, not having received the light upon God's commandments, had sinned ignorantly in transgressing its precepts. {EW 254.1}

R. & H., BOOK 3, P. 331

“My mind was carried to the future, when the signal will be given. “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.” But some will have delayed to obtain the oil for replenishing their lamps, and too late they will find that **character, which is represented by the oil,** is not transferable.” {RH, February 11, 1896 par. 6}

MATT 24: 45 – 47; 48 - 51

The two types of servants produce the two types of virgins of the parable. That is, the

1. Faithful and wise servant - **gives meat in due season [that is, he gives present truth]**, produces the wise virgins.

2. Evil servant – believes in his heart that, “My lord **delayeth** his coming”, produces the foolish virgins.

## R. & H., BOOK 3, 601

“It is not a trifling matter for *those who have the light of truth to be non-committal*, nor for the sentiments of the heart to be expressed in the words, “My Lord delayeth his coming.” **The influence of the peace-and safety sentiment is in the midst of us.** *A worldly, malarious influence prevails to soothe* those who should be stirred by the message of truth to stand as faithful sentinels at the post of duty. Truth must be expressed in our lives. The light must shine brightly, or we shall cause others to stumble and fall.” {RH, August 23, 1898 par. 4}

{RH, AUGUST 23, 1898 PAR. 5}

*“Those who hide their light will soon lose all power to let it shine. They are represented by the foolish virgins; and when the crisis comes, and the last call is made, “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,” they will find that while they have been mingling with the world, their light has gone out. They did not continue to provide themselves with the oil of grace. **The peace-and-safety cry hushed them to slumber, and made them careless in regard to their light.**”* {RH, August 23, 1898 par. 5}

## THE 10 VIRGINS = SDA END TIME EXPERIENCE

“As Christ sat looking upon the party that waited for the bridegroom, He told His disciples the story of the ten virgins, **by their experience illustrating the experience of the church that shall live just before His second coming.**”

{COL 406.2}

COL 406:3

“The two classes of watchers represent the two classes who profess to be waiting for their Lord. They are called **virgins** because they profess a **pure faith.**” {COL 406.3}

**LAMP = WORD OF GOD**

**THE LAMPS WHICH ALL THE VIRGINS HAVE = THE WORD OF GOD: -**

**Ps 119: 105 – Lamps = Word of God**

**Acts 17; 11 - The wise virgins act the part of modern day Noble Bereans, under the symbol in the parable of their trimming their lamps – the Word of God. They will rightly divide the Scriptures.**

**2 Tim 2: 15 -**

## TRIMMING OF THE LAMPS

This action by the ten virgins is defined for us by the Testimony of Jesus, as **an intense study of the Scriptures.**

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## 1884 GREAT CONTROVERSY, P. 250:

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{4SP 250.2}

## NOTE

The wise virgins do **NOT** give the Midnight Cry; but rather, they receive the message that is proclaimed from some one else.

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**1 Samuel 16:13: - “Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.”**

“In the parable,

- **all** the ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom. **All had lamps and vessels for oil.** For a time **there was seen no difference** between them.
- So with the church that lives just before Christ's second coming.
- **All have a knowledge of the Scriptures.**
- **All have heard the message** of Christ's near approach, and confidently expect His appearing. But as in the parable, so it is now. A time of waiting intervenes, faith is tried; and when the cry is heard, ... many are unready. **They have no oil in their vessels with their lamps. They are destitute of the Holy Spirit.**” {COL 408.

## COL 408

- **“Without the Spirit of God a knowledge of His word is of no avail.**
- **The theory of truth, unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit, cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart.**
- **Unless the Spirit of God sets the truth home, the character will not be transformed.**
- **Without the enlightenment of the Spirit, men will not be able to distinguish truth from error, and they will fall under the masterful temptations of Satan.” {COL 408.3}**

**OIL = HEAVENLY GRACE OF GOD.**

**R. & H., Book 4, p. 110: - “The oil is the holy grace that is sent from heaven; and there must be an inward adorning with that grace, if we would stand when he appears.” {RH, October 31, 1899 par. 13}**

**Definition: Titus 2: 11-12**

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## OIL = COMMUNICATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

R. & H., Book 4, p. 490: - “The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied. Were it not that **this holy oil is poured from heaven in the messages of God's Spirit**, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men.” {RH, February 3, 1903 par. 5}

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**“God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications that he sends us. Thus we refuse the golden oil which he would pour into our souls to be communicated to those in darkness.”**

**{RH, February 3, 1903 par. 6}**

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# CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS, P. 414

Matt 25: 5 – 7 - “ ... they all slumbered and slept.  
... Then all those virgins arose

“The coming of the bridegroom was at **midnight--the darkest hour.**  
So the coming of Christ will take place in the darkest period of this earth's history.

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Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 14: -

**“At this time** the **Laodicean message** is to be given, to **arouse a slumbering church.**” {SpTB02 14.3}

## R. & H., BOOK 2, P. 419

“The name “foolish virgins” represents the character of those who have not the genuine heart-work wrought by the Spirit of God. **The coming of Christ does not change the foolish virgins into wise ones. When Christ comes, the balances of Heaven will weigh the character, and decide whether it is pure, sanctified, and holy, or whether it is unclean, and unfit for the kingdom of heaven.** Those who have despised the divine grace that is at their command, that would have qualified them to be the inhabitants of heaven, **will be the foolish virgins. They had all the light, all the knowledge, but they failed to obtain the oil of grace; they did not receive the truth in its sanctifying power.**” {RH, August 19, 1890 par. 8}

# SPECIAL TESTIMONIES

The Testimony of Jesus clearly reveals the truth, that Christ's coming in the Parable, is a coming to weigh the virgins' characters in the balances of heaven. This is Judgment Language!

The concept of being weighed in the balances as found in the Scriptures, is a reference to a work of Judgment being undertaken by God.

**Job 3: 16**

**Isa 26: 7**

**Dan 5: 25, 27**

## NOTE

The Testimony of Jesus clearly teaches us, *that our characters are to be weighed in God's balances of justice in the Investigative Judgment, before the second coming of Jesus.*

“The cleansing of the sanctuary therefore involves a work of investigative Judgment. **This work must be performed prior to the coming of Christ to redeem his people**; for when he comes, his reward is with him to give to every man according to his works. [ REV22:12.] ” {4SP 266.1}

"If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief; and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." [REV. 3:3.] How perilous is the condition of those, who, growing weary of their watch **[like the foolish virgins perhaps? - the compiler]**, turn to the attractions of the world. {4SP 315.1}

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While the man of business is absorbed in the pursuit of gain, while the pleasure-lover is seeking indulgence, while the daughter of fashion is arranging her adornments,--it may be in that hour the Judge of all the earth will pronounce the sentence, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." {4SP 315.1}

**“In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed.** She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence: “Found wanting.” **By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged.”** {8T 247.2}

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# THE FOOLISH VIRGINS = LAODICEAN STATE

R. & H., Book 2, p. 420: - **“The state of the Church represented by the foolish virgins, is also spoken of as the Laodicean state.”** {RH, August 19, 1890 par. 10}

R. & H., Book 3, p. 483: - “Those who would be ready to meet their Lord must keep their lamps filled with the oil of grace. **It was a neglect to do this that distinguished the foolish virgins from the wise. *They had lamps, but no oil; their characters could not stand the test.***” {RH, July 20, 1897 par. 4}

# CHARACTER NOT TRANSFERABLE

R. & H., Book 2, p. 104: - “Each one individually must do the work, and determine through personal efforts to have the grace of God in the heart. **I cannot form a character for you, nor can you for me. It is a burden that rests upon every one individually, young or old.**” {RH, January 4, 1887 par. 10}

# TOO LATE ,

Songs of Solomon 1:8-10 , 5:2-6

Christ's Object Lessons, p. 412: - **"It is in a crisis that character is revealed.** When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him," and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event.

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**Christ's Object Lessons, p. 412:**

**Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation.**

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# TOO LATE

*So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. {COL 412.1}*

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## MATT 25: 5 - 12

There is a mysterious procession that is accompanying the Bridegroom, who give the Midnight Cry, which arouses all ten of the sleeping virgins. Please note, the wise do **NOT** give the Midnight Cry. The best that they can do, is to join this mysterious procession which goes in with the Bridegroom into the festal hall. While the foolish virgins are left behind to try and buy the oil of the Holy Spirit when it is too late.

# RH, OCTOBER 31, 1899 PAR. 5

“At the call, the sleeping eyes are opened, and every one is aroused. They see the procession they are to join moving on, bright with torches and glad with music. They hear the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. The five wise virgins trim their lamps, and go forth to meet the bridegroom.”

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# RH, OCTOBER 31, 1899 PAR. 6

“The foolish virgins made no provision for their lamps; and when aroused from their slumbers, they found that their lights were going out. ... **But while they went to buy, the procession moved on, and left them behind.** The bridal train entered the house, and the door was shut. *When the foolish virgins reached the banqueting hall, they received an unexpected denial. They were left outside in the blackness of the night.*”

RH, JULY 20, 1897

“While the foolish virgins awoke to find their lamps burning dimly, or going out in the darkness, the wise virgins, with their lamps burning brightly, entered the festal hall, and the gates were shut.

Greatly rejoicing at the sound of the bridegroom's voice, they joined the bridal procession.”

# QUESTION?

Which group has the presence of the Bridegroom

– Jesus with them?

The sleeping Ten Virgins?

Or, This procession?

**Ans: The procession of course!**

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# QUESTION?

The Testimony of Jesus has made it very clear, that the wise virgins have to join this mysterious procession that is passing along with Christ on its way to the festal hall. *It is this procession with Jesus who gives the Midnight Cry to the Ten sleeping Virgins.*

# NOTE

That little word “**join**” in connection with this mysterious procession is significant, because it indicates that the wise virgins have to join something that they are not already part of. Just as the Testimony of Jesus teaches us that we have to **join the church triumphant. *You don't join something if you are already a part of it!***

## R. & H., BOOK 2, P. 530

“Compassion beamed from his [that is, Christ – compiler] countenance, and his conduct was characterized by grace, humility, truth, and love. **Every member of his church militant must manifest the same qualities, if he would join the church triumphant.**” {RH, November 17, 1891 par. 12}

This procession which the wise virgins have to join, is described by the Testimony of Jesus, as being “the company that walked in the light given to them.” - R. & H., Book 4, p. 109 - {RH, October 31, 1899 par. 10}

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## **4SP 199**

**Jesus sends his people a message of warning to prepare them for his coming. To the prophet John was made known the closing work in the great plan of man's redemption. He beheld an angel flying "in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his Judgment is come; and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." [Revelation 14:6, 7.] {4SP 199.2}**

**The angel represented in prophecy as delivering this message, symbolizes a class of faithful men, who, obedient to the promptings of God's Spirit and the teachings of his word, proclaim this warning to the inhabitants of earth. This message was not to be committed to the religious leaders of the people. They had failed to preserve their connection with God, and had refused the light from Heaven; therefore they were not of the number described by the apostle Paul: "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night nor of darkness." [1 Thessalonians 5:4, 5.] {4SP 199.3}**

R. & H., BOOK 4, P. 109

NOTE: - A simple summary may be helpful to bring out the historical precedent concerning **the procession who gives the Midnight Cry to the sleeping virgins:**

## A SUMMARY

1. Many of those who cherished the light of the 1st Angel's message **“broke the cords which confined them, and stood out separate from those companies.”** That is, they separated from their churches who were opposing the 1st Angel's message.
2. The ministers and leading men of these churches, who had themselves rejected the light of the 1st Angel's message, were tightening the cords of control over their remaining members, and they **“were constantly saying, God is with us. We stand in the light. We have the truth.”**

## A SUMMARY

3. There was a first disappointment for those who had cherished the light of the 1st Angel's message, which caused discouragement.

4. The 2nd Angel's message is then sounded, and the message of the Midnight Cry accompanies this second message.

5. “Those who had cherished the light which had been imparted to them”, united with the angels to help give the Midnight Cry.

## A SUMMARY

6. Those who give this message are persecuted by those who have rejected the light, and a voice is heard telling them to **“Come out from among them, and touch not the unclean.”**

7. “A large number broke the cords which bound them, and they obeyed the voice, and left those who were in darkness, and **united with those who had previously broken the cords, and they joyfully united their voices with them.**”

## A SUMMARY

8. The honest in heart still in the churches which had rejected the light from heaven, reach out their hands for help to the “**united company who were free, rejoicing in God**”, and the only answer given to them is – “**Come out from among them, and be separate.**” And the individuals, who are honest in heart, after a struggle, finally break the cords that had bound them, and they “**joined the free company**”.

## **A SUMMARY**

**Who composes the procession? It is “those who had previously broken the cords” – that is, those who had previously, or earlier on in point of time left their churches for rejecting the light sent to them from heaven. This is the historical precedent that can be learned from the study of Advent history!**

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## **A SUMMARY**

**This procession in our time as far as it relates to the Ten Virgin Parable, must therefore, be those who have previously separated themselves from the backslidden, Laodicean church, before they give the Midnight Cry to the ten sleeping virgins. The best the wise virgins can do, is to join this procession that is giving the Midnight Cry to them, by going out of the sleeping Laodicean church.**

**Has God no living church? He has a church,** but it is the church militant, not the church triumphant. We are sorry that there are defective members, that there are tares amid the wheat. . . . Although there are evils existing in the church, and will be until the end of the world, the church in these last days is to be the light of the world that is polluted and demoralised by sin. {FLB 305.2}

**The church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be reproved, warned, and counselled, is the only object upon earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme regard.--  
TM 45, 49 (1893).**

**There is no need to doubt, to be fearful that the work will not succeed. God is at the head of the work, and He will set everything in order. If matters need adjusting at the head of the work God will attend to that, and work to right every wrong. Let us have faith that God is going to carry the noble ship which bears the people of God safely into port.--2SM 390 (1892).**

**The bulwarks of Satan will never triumph. Victory will attend the third angel's message. As the Captain of the Lord's host tore down the walls of Jericho, so will the Lord's commandment-keeping people triumph, and all opposing elements be defeated.--TM 410 (1898).**

**The Lord has made us the depositaries of His law; He has committed to us sacred and eternal truth, which is to be given to others in faithful warnings, reproofs, and encouragement.--5T 381 (1885).**

**Seventh-day Adventists** have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the **great cleaver of truth** He has **cut** them out from the quarry of the world and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them **His representatives** and has called them to be ambassadors for Him **in the last work of salvation**. The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world.--7T 138 (1902).

In a special **sense Seventh-day Adventists** have been set in the world as **watchmen** and **light bearers**. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. **On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God.** They have been given a work of the most solemn import--**the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages.** There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.--9T 19 (1909).



**Testimonies to Ministers pg.45- 46,  
Last Days Events Chapter 12,  
Matt. 13: 24-30**

The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest; and the **harvest is the end of probationary time.** {COL 71.3}

The tares represent a class who are the fruit or embodiment of **error**, of **false principles.** {COL-71}

There are two opposing influences continually exerted on the members of the church. One influence is working for the **purification** of the church; the other for the **corrupting** of the people of God. {TM 46.1}

**Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.** {5T 214.2}

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I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, "Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner. These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention." {EW-118}

**The Church Triumphant.--The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant.-**  
- Letter 32, 1892. {Ev 707.1}

# Separation of Wheat from tares

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When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few--this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason.--5T 136 (1882). {LDE 180.4}

When every other trust fails, then it will be seen who have an abiding trust in Jehovah. And while the enemies of truth are on every side, watching the Lord's servants for evil, God will watch over them for good He will be to them as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land

The Acts of the Apostles by Ellen G. White page 431 paragraph 2