

Signs of the Times

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Matthew 24:6-8 - Beginning of the End

Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the ten virgins

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose 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, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

1. Personal Revelation and Relationship with the Word of God

Psalm 119:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; John 14:26

Psalm 119:105

The Word of the Lord is the "extra oil" we need to have in our hearts and minds as we prepare for the return of the Lord.

2. Power of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8; Acts 4:29, 30; 1 Corinthians 2:4, 5

Romans 8:26; Jude 1:20

Be refreshed and refilled with the Holy Spirit.

3. Passion for Jesus

Philippians 3:8 & 10; Luke 21:28

Luke 21:34-36 - New Living Translation

"Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."