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AND FIVE OF THEM WERE WISE AND FIVE WERE FOOLISH

The quality that made the difference between them was prudent forethought on the part of the wise (COMPARE MATT.7:21-27)

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THEY THAT WERE FOOLISH TOOK THEIR LAMPS AND TOOK NO OIL WITH THEM.

These Virgins had oil in their lamps when they started but had no oil with which to replenish them. THEY STARTED OUT, APPARENTLY, ALRIGHT BUT DID NOT HOLD OUT.

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BUT THE WISE TOOK OIL IN THEIR VESSELS

In this their wisdom was displayed. They not only let their light shine, but at the same time kept the Grace renewed that was essential to the continuance of their light.

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WHILE THE BRIDEGROOM TARRIED.

This suggest that the Heavenly Bridegroom will not return as soon as the church expects him. (We have a hint of the sme kind in Matt.24:48) THEY ALL SLUMBERED AND SLEPT, LITERALLY THEY NODDED AND FELL ASLEEP. The thought is that the Bridegroom came at an unexpected moment.

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AND AT MIDNIGHT THERE WAS A GREAT CRY.

Midnight is the hour os slumber and silence when an outery is always startling and unexpected. The implication is that the cry of the coming of the Bridegroom, and the trump of the Archangel, will be sudden and unexpected, (Compare Matt.24:27 and 1Thess.5:23)

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ALL AROSE AND TRIMMED THEIR LAMPS.

The object of trimming would be to secure a brighter light. When the cry does arise there will be wonderful trimming.

1* BRIDEGROOM IS THE SON OF MAN.

2-TIME OF THE COMING TO JUDGEMENT.

3-TARRYING REPRESENTS THE PERIOD BETWEEN HIS ACCENSION AND HIS RETURN.

4-THE VERGINS REPRESENT THE WAITING CHURCH

5-WISE VIRGINS REPRESENT THOSE CHURCH MEMBERS WHO ALWAYS READY AND WHOSE LIGHTS ARE SHINING. THE OIL IN THEIR VESSELS IS THE MEANS BY WHICH THEIR LIGHT IS SUPPLIED

6-FOOLISH VIRGINS REPRESENT THE CHURCH MEMBERS WHO HAVE BECOME COLD AND LIFELESS

7-MIDNIGHT CRY IS THE SUMMONS OF DEATH OR THE TRUMP OF JUDGEMENT.

8-CRY FOR OIL REPRESENTS DEATH BED REPENTANCE OR PREPARATION IN THE FACE OF JUDGEMENT

9-THE SHUT DOOR IS A DECLARATION THAT SAUCH REPENTANCE IS TO LAT TO BE OF AVAIL.

The great lesson is to be always in a state of readiness.

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