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THE MANIFESTATION OF THE KINGDOM

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Matthew 25, which reveals the manifestation of the kingdom, contains three important matters:

- *the parable of the ten virgins*
- *the parable of the talents*
- *the parable of the sheep and the goats*

In this chapter we will cover only the first two parables.

As genuine Christians we have two aspects in our relationship with the Lord:

- *In life we must be like virgins—prudent to get our vessel filled up with the Triune God.*
- *As to the matter of work and ministry, we must be the faithful servants who are exercising and using all the talents we have received from the Lord.*

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Scripture Readings:

Matt. 25:1 At that time the kingdom of the heavens will be likened to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Matt. 25:2 And five of them were foolish and five were prudent.

Matt. 25:3 For the foolish, when they took their lamps, did not take oil with them;

Matt. 25:4 But the prudent took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Matt. 25:5 And while the bridegroom delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.

Matt. 25:6 But at midnight there was a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Go forth to meet him!

Matt. 25:10 And as they were going away to buy, the bridegroom came; and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast. And the door was shut.

Matt. 25:11 And later the rest of the virgins came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us!

Matt. 25:12 But he answered and said, Truly I say to you, I do not know you.

Matt. 25:14 For the kingdom of the heavens is just like a man about to go abroad, who called his own slaves and delivered to them his possessions.

Matt. 25:15 To one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability. And he went abroad.

Matt. 25:16 Immediately he who had received the five talents went and traded with them and gained another five.

Matt. 25:17 Similarly, he who had received the two gained another two.

Matt. 25:18 But he who had received the one went off and dug in the earth and hid his master's money.

Matt. 25:19 Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Matt. 25:20 And he who had received the five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, Master, you delivered to me five talents; behold, I have gained another five talents.

Matt. 25:21 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.

Matt. 25:22 And he who had received the two talents also came and said, Master, you delivered to me two talents; behold, I have gained another two talents.

Matt. 25:23 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.

Matt. 25:24 Then he who had received the one talent also came and said, Master, I knew about you, that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow.

Matt. 25:25 And I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the earth; behold, you have what is yours.

Matt. 25:26 And his master answered and said to him, Evil and slothful slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not winnow.

Matt. 25:27 Therefore you should have deposited my money with the money changers; and when I came, I would have recovered what is mine with interest.

Matt. 25:28 Take away therefore the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.

Matt. 25:29 For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he shall abound; but from him who does not have, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.

Matt. 25:30 And cast out the useless slave into the outer darkness. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.