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She is WE, the church;
we are His bride.



Multiple times, Jesus refers to Himself as our “Bridegroom”.

REVELATION 19:7 (NIV)



Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.



What are you preparing for?

REVELATION 22:7,12 (NIV)



“Behold, I am coming soon.”



Please turn to **MATTHEW 25:1-13**

Please remember to silence your phones
but feel free to post on social media.

MATTHEW 25:1-13 (NIV)



¹“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.

MATTHEW 25:1-13 (NIV)



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.

MATTHEW 25:1-13 (NIV)



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.

MATTHEW 25:1-13 (NIV)



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,

MATTHEW 25:1-13 (NIV)



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,

MATTHEW 25:1-13 (NIV)



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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.'

MATTHEW 25:1-13 (NIV)



¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”



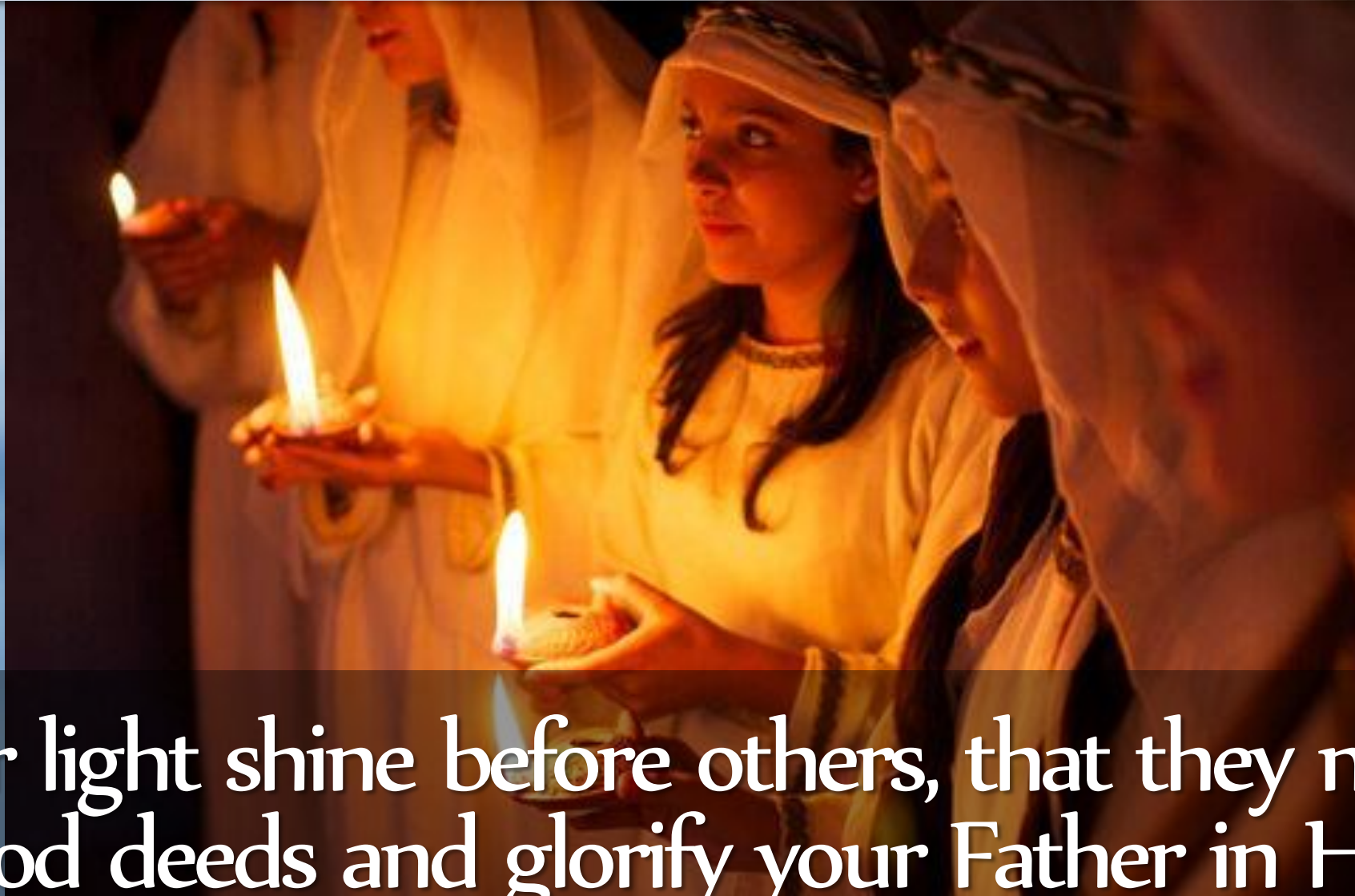
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1. All ten virgins, or bridesmaids, had lamps.

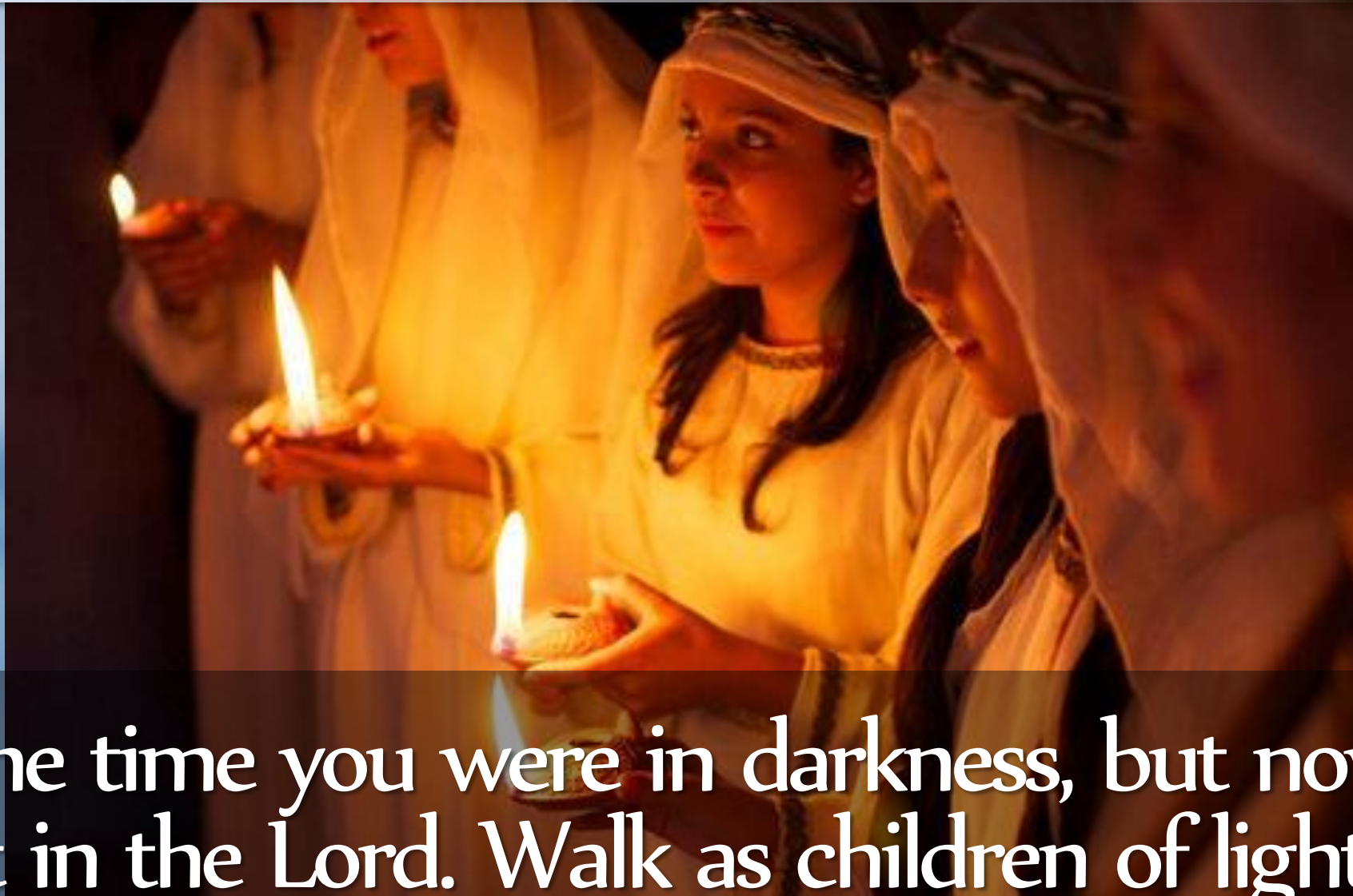


MATTHEW 5:16 (NIV)



Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.

EPHESIANS 5:8 (NIV)



for at one time you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light...



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Lamps need to be filled in order
to fulfill their purpose.



1 PETER 2:9 (NIV)



...you are a **chosen** people, a **royal** priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful **light**.

ACTS 1:8 (NIV)



you will receive **power** when
the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses...

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (NKJV)



God has not given you a spirit of fear, but of power, love and sound mind.



The Holy Spirit is our OIL,
our fuel, and our strength!



2. Only five women came prepared with flasks of extra oil.



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They did not care to prepare.



Do you know your
Bridegroom, your King?



The **EXTRA** oil in their flasks is
EVIDENCE of intimacy, a deep
KNOWing of one another.



3. “They arose and trimmed their lamps...”

HEBREWS 12:1 (NIV)



...throw off everything that hinders
and the sin that so easily entangles.
And let us run with perseverance
the race marked out for us..



“The first and most basic thing we CAN and MUST do is to keep God before our minds. It is the fundamental secret of caring for our souls.”

DALLAS WILLARD



4. Oil can't be shared.

MATTHEW 25:10 (NIV)



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.



Your parents, your pastor,
or your favorite podcaster
can't fill your lamp with oil.



Wisdom says it will take:

1. Holy Spirit strength and guidance,
2. Knowledge,
3. Trimming away distractions, and
4. Devotion.





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RECOMMENDATIONS:



SONG: “Come, Jesus Come”, CeCe Winans

DEVOTIONAL: *The Well-Trimmed Wick/
Finishing Well and Strong,
YouVersion Bible App*

PODCAST: *Practicing the Way,
John Mark Comer*

BOOK: *Practicing the Way,
John Mark Comer*



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