

Oil in the Lamp

by Robert Murray M'Cheyne

The sermon emphasizes the necessity of being spiritually prepared with a genuine relationship with Christ to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Scripture: Matthew 25:1

Topics: "Spiritual Preparedness", "The Return of Christ"

Description

Robert Murray M'Cheyne's sermon 'Oil in the Lamp' emphasizes the necessity of being spiritually prepared for the return of Christ, as illustrated by the parable of the ten virgins. He contrasts the wise virgins, who kept their lamps filled with oil, with the foolish ones, who neglected this vital preparation and were ultimately shut out from the wedding feast. M'Cheyne warns that mere outward appearances of faith are insufficient without the inner reality of a heart filled with love for Christ. He calls on listeners to ensure they are ready for the Lord's return, urging them to fill their hearts with the oil of the Holy Spirit. The sermon serves as a poignant reminder of the urgency of spiritual readiness and the consequences of neglecting one's faith.

Transcript

Matt. xxv. 1-13.

TEN virgins, clothed in white,

The Bridegroom went to meet;

Their lamps were burning bright

To guide his welcome feet.

Five if the band were wise --

Their lamps with oil filled high;

The rest this care despise,

And take their vessels dry.

Long time the Lord abode -

Down came the shades of night -
The weary virgins nod,
And then they sleep outright.
At midnight came the cry
Upon their startled ear -
Behold the Bridegroom nigh,
To light His steps appear.
They trim their lamps; in vain
The foolish virgins toil -
Our lamps are out, O deign
To give us of your oil!
Not so - the wise ones cry -
No oil have we to spare;
But swiftly run and buy,
That you the joy may share.
They went to buy, when lo!
The Bridegroom comes in state;
Within those ready go,
And shut the golden gate.
The foolish virgins now
Before the gateway crowd;
With terror on their brow
They knock and cry aloud:-
"Lord open to our call -
Hast Thou our names forgot?"
Sadly the accents fall -
"Depart, I know you not."

Learn here, my child, how vain
This world, with all its lies,
Those who the kingdom gain
Alone are truly wise.
How vain the Christian name,
If still you live in sin:-
A lamp, and wick, and flame,
No drop of oil within.
Is your lamp filled, my child,
With oil from Christ above?
Has He your heart, so wild,
Made soft and full of love?
Then you are ready now
With Christ to enter in;
To see His holy brow,
And bid farewell to sin.
Sinners! Behold the gate
Of Jesus open still;
Come, ere it be too late,
And enter if you will.
The Saviour's gentle hand
Knocks at your door to-day
But vain his loud demand -
You spurn His love away.
So, at the Saviour's door
You'll knock, with trembling heart
The day of mercy o'er,

Jesus will say - depart.

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