



I. The Simple Truth

- A. Understanding Parables
 - 1. Simple truth
 - 2. Spiritual truth (Matt. 13:10-16)
- B. Understanding Jewish Weddings
 - 1. Engagement
 - 2. Consummation
 - 3. Wedding Ceremony
- C. Unprepared bridesmaids
 - 1. Groom comes back
 - 2. No oil to use
 - 3. Miss the opportunity
 - 4. Door is shut – I don't know you

II. The Spiritual Truth

- A. The marriage relationship
 - 1. Adam and Eve – Revelation 19:7 – 9
 - 2. To know and be known – sexual/spiritual reality
 - 3. The true measure of a relationship
- B. The missing component
 - 1. Looked so much alike – they all had lampas = torches
 - 2. Missing the oil = personal relationship with the groom (I don't know you)
 - 3. wise = phronimos = thoughtful + respectful
 - 4. ready = hetoimos = prepared + available
 - 5. This difference makes all the difference
- C. The measure of true relationship (Eph. 1:13,14)
 - 1. Not morality – there are many who are moral but don't know Christ personally
 - 2. Not activity – there are many who are busy for the Lord but don't know Christ personally
 - 3. Not knowledge – there are many who know about God/Christ/Religion who don't know Christ personally
 - 4. We can't just go through the motions without
 - i. true love/submission to God
 - ii. through faith in Christ
 - iii. evidenced by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.