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# The Wise and the Foolish

THE 10 VIRGINS



HAPPY  
FOOLS'  
DAY!







Cybele



Seth



Osiris



Isis

# HILARIA IN ANCIENT ROME





**“MOTHER NATURE” FOOLING PEOPLE WITH CHANGING WEATHER.**



**In 1957, BBC  
report Swiss  
Farmers were  
experiencing  
record  
spaghetti  
crops.**

*Foolish  
examples*







Taco Liberty Bell and the Left-Handed Cheeseburger



**Goofy Foolish VS Dangerous Foolish**



# The Bible has much to say about foolishness

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- **Pro. 1:7:**

Fools despise wisdom

- **Eccl. 7:9:**

Anger lodges in a fool's heart

- **Pro. 15:14:**

A fool feeds on foolishness

- **Ps. 14:1:**

A fool says there is no God.







# The Wise & the Foolish Virgins

Matthew 25





Matthew 25:1

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**“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.**



# THE BRIDE: Jeremiah 6:2

**I have likened the  
daughter of Zion To  
a lovely and delicate  
woman.**





# THE BRIDE: Ephesians 5:25-26

**Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,**





# THE BRIDE: Ephesians 5:25-26

**that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**







Matthew 25:2

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**Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.**



Matthew 25:3-4

**Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.**





**THE OIL:  
Zechariah 4:6**

**... 'Not by might nor by  
power, but by My Spirit,'  
Says the LORD of hosts.**





# Where's my oil?







Matthew 25:5

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**But while the  
bridegroom was  
delayed, they all  
slumbered and slept.**



# THE OIL: Revelation 3:17

**Because you say, 'I am rich,  
have become wealthy, and  
have need of nothing' —  
and do not know that you  
are wretched, miserable,  
poor, blind, and naked—**





# The sleeping church

# Laodicea





**THE OIL:  
SDA Commentary Vol 5 P. 508**

**Oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit [Zech. 4:1-14] of which the church members here represented are destitute. They are familiar with the theory of the truth, but the gospel as effected no change in their lives.**





The cure for

Laodicea



Go. Share. Grow.



Matthew 25:6

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**“And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’**



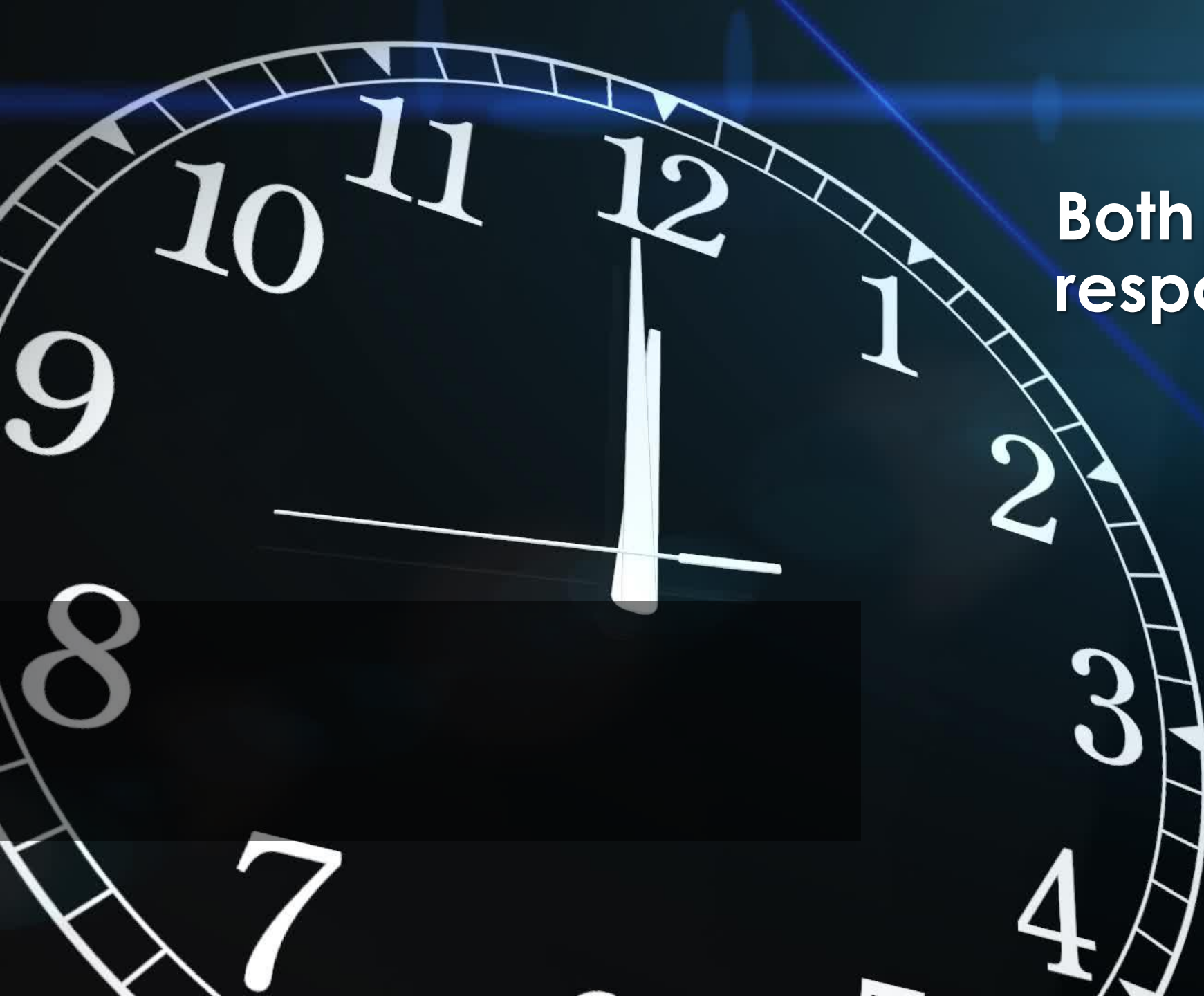


# NIGHT IS COMING: John 9:4-5

<sup>4</sup>I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the night is coming* when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”







**Both groups  
respond to the call**



Matthew 25:8

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**And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'**





## Matthew 25:9

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**But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'**



11 speak that  
we have seen,

12 If I have told you  
ye believe not, how shall  
tell you of heavenly things?

13 And no man hath ascended  
heaven, but he that came down from  
heaven, even the Son of man which is in  
heaven.

14 ¶ And as Mō'-šēs lifted up the ser-  
pent in the wilderness, even so must the  
Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.

16 ¶ For God so loved the world, that  
he gave his only begotten Son, that who-  
soever believeth in him should not per-  
ish, but have eternal life.

17 For  
world to





Matthew 25:10

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**And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.**

Close of Probation:  
Gen. 7:16, Rev. 15:8

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Like the days of Noah,  
eventually the doors of  
the ark of safety will close.







Matthew 25:11

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**“Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’**





Matthew 25:12

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**But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'**



**PREPARE:**  
**Matthew 7:21-27**

**They never took the time  
to know Jesus as Lord.**





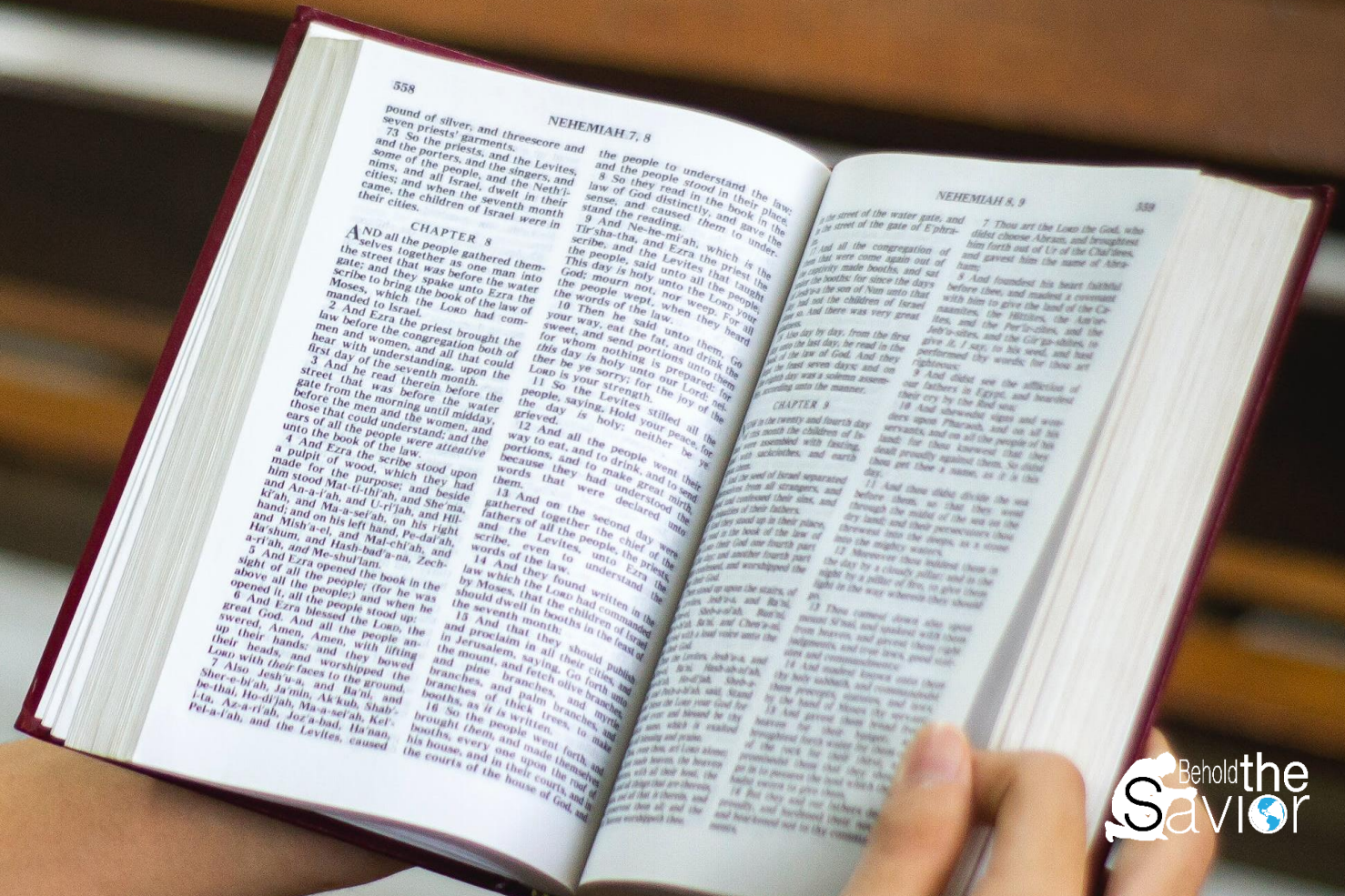
Matthew 25:13

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**“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.**



# The foolish person knows to prepare, but doesn't





A close-up photograph of a lit candle. The candle is in a dark, possibly metal, holder. The flame is bright yellow and orange, casting a warm glow. The background is dark, making the candle the central focus.

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a knowledge of His word  
is of no avail. The theory  
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**One may be familiar with the commands and promises of the Bible; but unless the Spirit of God sets the truth home, the character will not be transformed.**



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**Without the enlightenment of the Spirit, men will not be able to distinguish truth from error, and they will fall under the masterful temptations of Satan.**



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