

Treasure Hunt

- How serious is the consequence for the virgins who have no oil?
- What warning do the foolish virgins have for us?
- What in reality corresponds to a virgin without oil?
- What reality corresponds to the talents?
- What reality corresponds to what the Lord expected the servants to do with their talents?
- What kind of genitive is used in the phrase, “the joy of thy Lord”?

Overview of the Olivet Discourse

Period	Mt 24,25	Mk 13	Lk 21	Description
1. Beginning of Sorrows (Mt 24:8)	3-13	5-13	8-19	The NT period, before the fall of Jerusalem. Corresponds to the first four seals of Rev 6.
2. Days of Vengeance (Lk 21:22)	(Lacking)		20-24a	Desolation of Jerusalem under Titus, AD 70.
3. Times of the Gentiles (Lk 21:24)	14	10	24b	Jerusalem is subdued by the Gentiles (Luke) and the gospel goes forth throughout all the world (Matthew).
4. Great Tribulation (Mt 24:21)	15-28	14-23	(Lacking)	“The abomination of desolation” (Dan 9:27), at the middle of Daniel’s seventieth week.
5. Coming of Son of Man (Mt 24:30)	29-31	24-27	25-28	Cosmic signs, return of Christ in glory, gathering of his saints
(6. Interlude)	24:32-25:30	28-37	29-36	Parables about, and exhortations to, watchfulness
7. Separation	25:31-46	(Lacking)		Final Judgment

The Last Three Parables

Parable	Trait	Sphere of Relation
Faithful and Evil Stewards	Responsibility	Other believers (the household)
Wise and Foolish Virgins	Preparation	The Lord (the bridegroom)
Diligent and Slothful Servants	Diligence	The world (trade, the exchangers)

v. 12 “I know you not”

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Luk 13:26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. 27 But he shall say, I tell you, **I know you not** whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

Gal 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, **or rather are known of God**, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

What is the missing oil?

Rom 8:9 Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Oil as Picture of the Holy Spirit

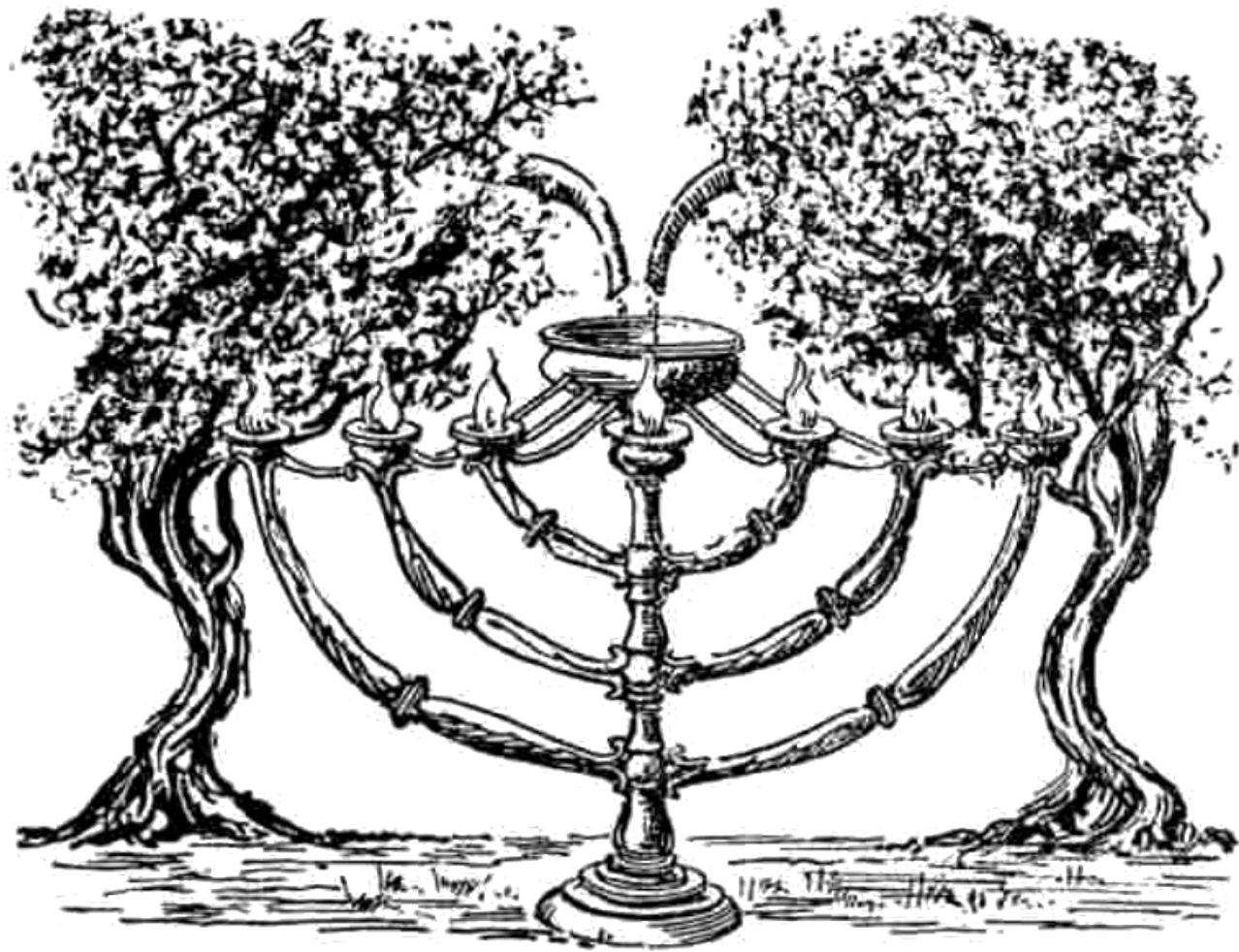
1Sa 10:1 Then Samuel took a **vial of oil**, and poured *it* upon [Saul's] head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because the LORD hath anointed thee *to be* captain over his inheritance? ... 6 And the **Spirit of the LORD** will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

1Sa 16:13 Then Samuel took the **horn of oil**, and anointed [David] in the midst of his brethren: and the **Spirit of the LORD** came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Lev 24:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually. 3 Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: *it shall be* a statute for ever in your generations. 4 He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.

Zechariah's Vision

Zec 4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, 2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: 3 And two **olive trees** by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof. 4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord? ... 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.** ...



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11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these two olive trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof? 12 ... What *be these* two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves? ... 14 Then said he, These *are* the two anointed ones [Joshua the high priest, and Zerubbabel the governor], that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

How does the Lord task us?

...according to ... ability

1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

...he gave

Joh 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; *and* whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

...reckoneth with them

2 Cor 5:9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

“enter into the joy of thy Lord”

Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and **he rested** on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, **and shall be satisfied:**

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who **for the joy that was set before** him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2Ti 2:11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live **with him:** 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign **with him:**

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified **together.**

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when **his glory** shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Heb 4:7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 **For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.** 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.