

**Keep the Fires Burning**  
**The Parable of the Ten Virgins**  
Matthew 25: 1-13

**The king's processional (Matthew 21:1-11)**

- A prophecy fulfilled (Zechariah 9:9, Isaiah 62:11)
- The clarity of the crowd (Psalm 118:26, Micah 5:2)
- A bold declaration

**The Parable of the Ten Virgins**

- Ten virgins, ten lamps
- Five are foolish
- Five are wise
- The bridegroom is delayed
- All ten get drowsy
- The midnight cry
- Some are ready for the banquet
- Others are not
- A desperate plea
- "I don't know you."
- The big "therefore"

**What does readiness look like?**

1. Relationship with God in good standing
  - a. learning (Matthew 11:29)
  - b. knowing (Philippians 3:10)
  - c. growing (2 Peter 3:18)
  - d. hot! (Revelation 3:16)
  
2. Relationships with others in good standing
  - a. love one another (John 13:34)
  - b. forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)
  - c. stimulate one another (Hebrews 10:24)
  - d. build one another up (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
  
3. Focus on kingdom values
  - a. e.
  - b. f.

