

# Matthew 25:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

## Analysis

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**Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us** (Κύριε κύριε, ἄνοιξον ἡμῖν, Kyrie kyrie, anoixon hēmin). The foolish virgins return, frantically pounding on the door. Their repeated address, **Lord, Lord** (Κύριε κύριε, Kyrie kyrie), echoes Matthew 7:21-23 where Jesus warns, 'Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven... And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.'

The foolish virgins' appeal demonstrates their assumption of inclusion: they call Him 'Lord,' they attended the waiting, they carried lamps—yet they lack entrance. External profession without internal reality fails at the final crisis. Their belated urgency contrasts with their earlier negligence: panicked at midnight but careless beforehand. The closed door symbolizes judgment's irreversibility—once Christ returns, pleas for admission are futile.

## Historical Context

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The double vocative 'Lord, Lord' was a common form of urgent appeal in biblical Greek (cf. Luke 6:46, Acts 9:4). In Jewish culture, a closed door signaled the feast had begun and no more guests would be admitted. Jesus's original audience would understand the social finality of exclusion from a wedding celebration.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do you reconcile calling Jesus 'Lord' with actually obeying Him as Lord in daily life?
2. What areas of your life reveal the gap between religious profession ('Lord, Lord') and Spirit-empowered reality?
3. Why does Jesus refuse entry to those who address Him as 'Lord' and plead for admission?

## Interlinear Text

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ὕστερον G5305	δὲ G1161	ἔρχονται G2064	καὶ G2532	αἱ G3588	λοιπαὶ G3062	παρθένοι G3933
	<b>Afterward</b>	<b>came</b>	<b>also</b>		<b>the other</b>	<b>virgins</b>
λέγουσαι G3004	κύριε G2962	κύριε G2962	ἄνοιξον G455	ἡμῖν G2254		
<b>saying</b>	<b>Lord</b>	<b>Lord</b>	<b>open</b>	<b>to us</b>		

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