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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

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A background graphic featuring several stylized hands raised in the air. The hands are colored in shades of red and green, set against a dark background. The hands are positioned at various heights and angles, creating a sense of movement and collective participation.

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⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

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⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you,

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go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

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The background of the slide features a pattern of stylized, raised hands in various colors (red, green, yellow) against a dark background. The hands are positioned as if they are reaching up or clapping, creating a sense of community and participation.

Matthew 25:1-13

11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ***12*** But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ***13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.***

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Keep the Lamp Lit!



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The Lamp



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LAMPS IN WORSHIP

Lamps are also symbol of guidance



For the commandment is a lamp and the
teaching a light,...

Proverbs 6:23



Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105



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The Light



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who have left the straight paths to walk in
dark ways

Proverbs 2:13 | NIV



THE LIGHT OF TRUTH



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*It brings clarity to a situation just like
light shining from above.*



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...who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

1 Corinthians 4:5



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THE LIGHT OF BLESSINGS



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O LORD, you are my lamp. The LORD turns
my darkness into light"

2 Samuel 22:29



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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



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Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. *Matthew 5:15-16*



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The Oil



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...You have poured over me fresh oil.

Psalm 92:10



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But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled
with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

Acts 13:9



How are you doing at keeping watch?



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So that your faith might not rest in the
wisdom of man but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:5



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