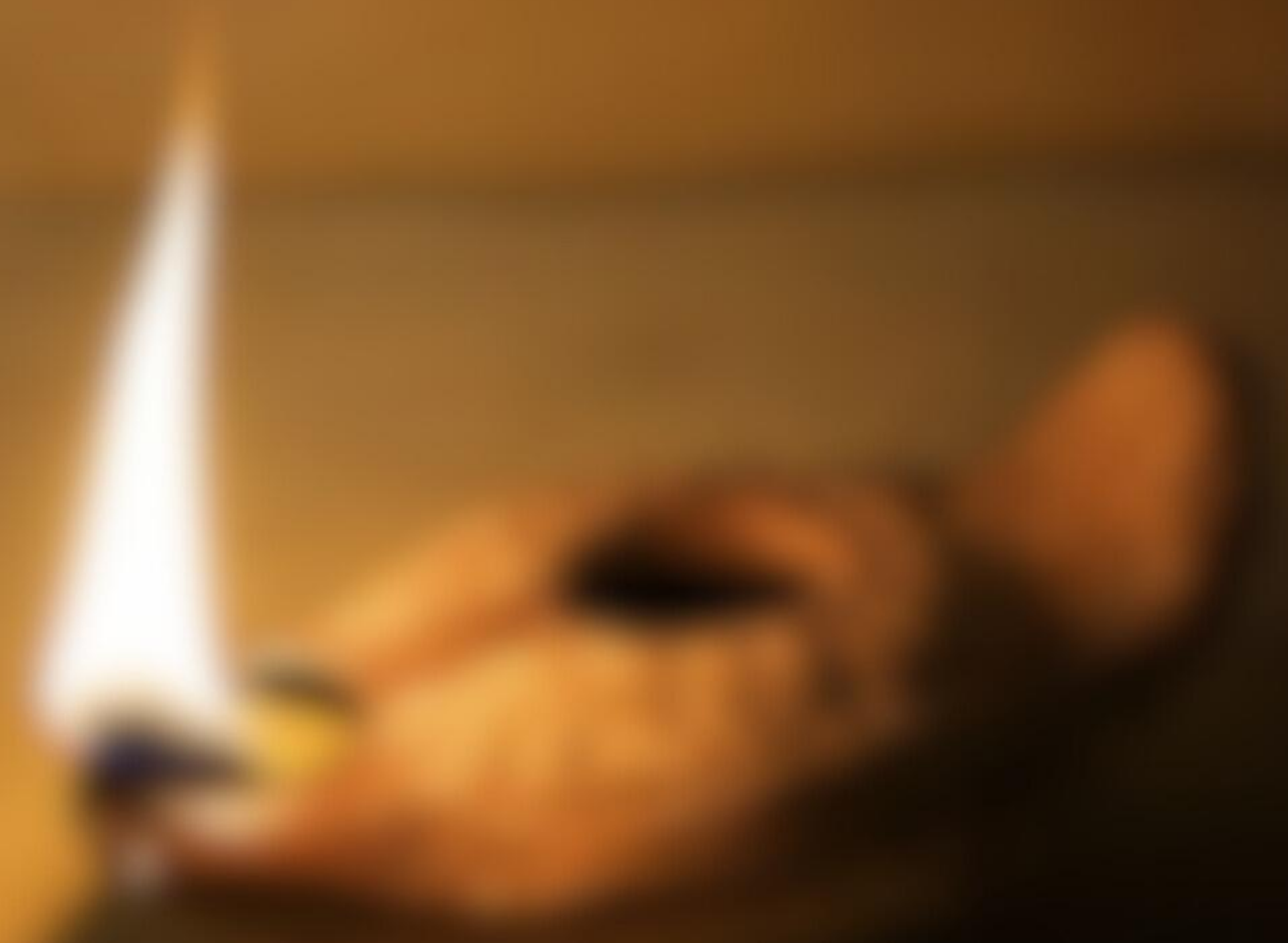


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 - “ It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the works of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance.” (Heb 6:4-6)

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- Disregards God – A Divided Life
 - The Foolish Virgins (Matt 25):
 - Expected the bridegroom
 - Looked like the others
 - Had the same external setup
 - But they failed at inner readiness.

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 - “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

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- The Reality of Delay
- The Crisis of the Midnight Call
 - Midnight represents:
 - Unexpected timing
 - Spiritual darkness
 - Urgency without warning

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 - “The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them.” (Ez 18:20)

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