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OIL IN THEIR LAMPS

The 10 Virgins and the Condition of the Church In The Last Days

CONTEXT

- Matthew 24:1-44; Mark 13:1-37; Luke 21:5-36
- Shortly after departing from the Temple for the last time, Jesus began to explain to His disciples the soon coming **signs** that would precede **the then destruction of Jerusalem** and **the Temple** by the Romans (70 AD) and of **the end of the world** just before His Second Coming.
- After giving the “signs of the times”, Jesus then went on to describe the character & condition of His Church at the time **just before His Second Coming**.
- “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto **ten virgins**, which took their **lamps**, and went forth to meet **the bridegroom**.”
Matthew 25:1
- The Parable of the **10 Virgins** is a message of **present truth**. A message for these **last days** as it directly points to **the character and condition** of God’s professed people just before He shall come again.



THE VIRGINS

- The **virgins** here described, represent those who profess the name of Christ. I.e. *The Church*
- In Bible prophecy a **woman** is symbolic of a **professed body of believers**, whether, *pure or apostate*, whether *a Bride or a Harlot*, whether *a virgin* or *a prostitute*.
- “I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.” **Jeremiah 6:2**
- “...say unto Zion, Thou art my people.” **Isaiah 51:16**
- “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to **one husband**, that I may present you as **a chaste virgin** to Christ.” **2 Corinthians 11:2**
- “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.” **Ephesians 5:25**



THE VIRGINS

- Christ has always said that there will both be **wheat** and **tares** in the Church before He returns, those who live according to His Word and walk in the light that He reveals unto them and those that profess the name of God, but they do not live as Christ lived, they simply *'take the Lord's name in vain'*. **Matthew 13:24-30;36-43.**
- Speaking to Jewish Nation (*The Church of the Old Testament*) by the Prophet Ezekiel, God says, *"Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger....How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman"* **Ezekiel 16:26,30.**
- **Revelation 12:1,15,17**
- **Revelation 17:1-6**



WHY TEN?

- As the complete Law of God is summarised in the **Ten Commandments**, **Exodus 20** and the complete sinful state of mankind is symbolised by the **Ten lepers**, **Luke 17:11-18**, likewise, the entire Church is referred to here in the parable as the **Ten Virgins**.
- The **Ten Virgins** refer to the Christian Church that lives during the final events of earth's history. The Church just before the **2nd Coming of Christ**.
- We know this because Christ gives this parable in the context of end time events.
- As Virgins they profess a pure, uncorrupted faith in Jesus Christ.
- *"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* **Psalm 119:105**
- These virgins, all took their **lamps**, which is **the Word of God**. The entire Church today has the word of God in its possession, and its members go forth to preach the gospel and to await the soon Coming of Christ, the '**Bridegroom**' **Matthew 9:15**.
- However, Christ tells us that *"five of them were wise and five were foolish."* **Verse 2**



OIL IN THE VESSEL

- They both have the Word of God in their possession, which is likened unto **a lamp that lights our paths and directs our steps** in this dark world of sin, however, the “*foolish took their lamps and **took no oil with them**, but the wise **took oil in their vessels** with their lamps.*” **Verse 3-4**
- In the **Old Testament**, the oil was used to **anoint** Prophets, Kings and Priests, who foreshadowed the **Great Prophet, King and Priest** that was to come, **Jesus Christ**. It was also used to fuel the candlestick in the Sanctuary, that it may give **light** to the Tabernacle.
- In the case of the prophets, priests and the kings, **the oil typified the anointing of the Holy Spirit** upon those individuals who were to lead the Church of the Old Testament, and in the Sanctuary, it caused the light to shine continually, never to go out.



OIL IN THE VESSEL

- “Then Samuel took **the horn of oil** and **anointed** him (David) in the midst of his brethren: and **the Spirit of the LORD** came upon David from that day forward.” **1 Samuel 16:13**
- Then shalt thou take **the anointing oil**, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him [Aaron- The high priest]. **Exodus 29:7**
- And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest.... **Elisha** the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou **anoint** to be **prophet** in thy room. **2 Kings 19:16-17**
- “And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee **pure oil** olive beaten for the light, **to cause the lamps to burn continually.**” **Leviticus 24:1-2**
- “There is treasure to be desired and **oil in the dwelling of the wise**, but **a foolish man spendeth it up.**” **Proverbs 21:20**
- “**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, because he hath **anointed me** to preach the gospel to the poor...” **Luke 4:18**



OIL IN THE VESSEL

- The Holy Spirit is the oil that keeps our fires burning for the cause of Christ that we may let our lights shine always before men, that they may see our good works and give all glory to God. As David was anointed with the oil and thus, he received the Holy Spirit, likewise, when we accept Christ into our hearts and choose to be baptised as an outward profession of our faith then the Holy Spirit also descends upon us as a dove like it did when Christ was baptised in His day.
- Without this oil, the words of Holy Scripture are just words, and nothing more. We cannot discern the Word of God without the presence of the Spirit, for spiritual things are spiritually discerned, **1 Corinthians 2:11-14.**
- In addition, without the presence of the Spirit of God, the work which God has given to His Church, cannot be accomplished.
- “Not by might, nor by power, but **by My Spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts.” **Zechariah 4:6**
- We need the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our lives if we are to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. We must be like the wise virgins for there is “**oil in the dwelling of the wise.**”
- See **1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 1:2; John 16:13**



SLUMBERED & SLEPT

- In essence, Christ is saying to His people, that in the last days before He shall return, many in the Church will not receive the true **sanctifying experience** of the Holy Spirit in their lives, they will merely have ‘a form of godliness but deny’ its power. **2nd Timothy 3:5**. May we, by His grace not be found in this category.
- “While the Bridegroom tarried, they **ALL** slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made: “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.” **Verse 5-6**
- All the virgins eventually fell asleep because there was **an apparent delay** in the return of the Bridegroom. All the virgins professed to be looking for the 2nd Coming of Christ but because Christ, *by human standards*, was taking a long time to return, they all fell into **a deep spiritual slumber**.
- Faith and holy living was neglected, and worldly practices came into the Church. Bible study was forsaken, and **Christians became stagnated because of the lack of spiritual growth**. i.e., Too many milk fed Christians and too little meat fed Christians. **Hebrews 5:11-14**



SLUMBERED & SLEPT

- As a result, when the ***loud cry message*** goes forth, warning the world of the '***mark of the beast crisis***', and the imminent return of Christ, **Revelation 13:11-18; 14:6-12; 18:1-4** , many are caught by surprise and realise then that **they are not ready** to meet the Bridegroom.
- “In the parable, all the ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom. All had lamps and vessels for oil. **For a time, there was seen no difference between them.** So, with the Church that lives just before Christ’s Second Coming.
- All have a knowledge of the Scriptures. All have heard the message of Christ's near approach, and confidently expect His appearing. But, as in the parable, so it is now. **A time of waiting intervenes**, faith is tried; and when the cry is heard, “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him,” **many are unready.**
- ***They have no oil in their vessels with their lamps. They are destitute of the Holy Spirit.***” Christ’s Object Lessons pg. 408



THE VIRGINS AROSE

- “Then *all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps*. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.” **Verse 7-8**
- The cry that Christ is soon to come will sound throughout all the world, “to every nation and kindred and tongue and people”, “as a witness unto all nations” before the end comes. **Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6.**
- The proclamation of the fall of Babylon, **Revelation 14:8**, the identity of the beast power and her associates, and the warning not to receive her mark, **Revelation 14:9-11; 17:1-6; 18:1-4**, will cause the entire Church **to wake up** and “trim their lamps”, that is, to search the Scriptures and seek to understand the prophecies, *the present truth for the time*, hoping to get ready.
- But like a lamp that cannot burn without oil and therefore gives no light, so, the foolish virgins, who have not been **sanctified** and **transformed** by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, cannot shine the light of Christ in this dark period that is to come upon all who dwell upon the face of the earth. They have not yielded themselves to the Holy Spirit's working. **They have not fallen upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, and permitted their old nature to be broken up.**



NO OIL

- *“But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and **buy for yourselves.**” Verse 9*
- Seeing that they are not ready and that they have been **deceived** by their apostate ministers who preached only what they wanted to hear and not what they needed to hear, **2 Timothy 4:3-4**, the foolish virgins run to those who they now know to be preaching the truth, hoping that they can help them; **they are now trying to find the oil in a time when oil is scarce.**
- **See: Amos 8:11-12**
- But the answer to them is *“go ye rather to them that sell and buy for yourselves.”*
- Each individual must possess their own oil. **They must each have a personal experience with Christ for themselves** that they may each receive the presence of the Holy Spirit within, **for without the oil, our lamps will go out. Isaiah 55:1-3**



AT MIDNIGHT

- Without the sanctifying experience of the Holy Spirit in us, we will not be able to stand, for we are told by the Prophet Daniel, that it “*shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time*” before Christ comes again, **Daniel 12:1**.
- Christ confirms this by saying “*then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's (wise virgin's) sake those days shall be shortened.*” **Matthew 24:21-22**.
- It is this time of trouble that Christ refers to as “*midnight*”.
- “*...in spiritual things no man can make up another's deficiency.* The grace of God has been freely offered to every soul. The message of the gospel has been heralded, “Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” **Revelation 22:17**. ***But character is not transferable.*** No man can believe for another. No man can receive the Spirit for another. No man can impart to another the character which is the fruit of the Spirit's working. “Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it [the land], as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.” **Ezekiel 14:20**.” Christ's Object Lessons pg. 411.



AT MIDNIGHT

- *"The coming of the bridegroom was at midnight—the darkest hour. So, the coming of Christ will take place in the darkest period of this earth's history. The days of Noah and Lot pictured the condition of the world just before the coming of the Son of man. The Scriptures pointing forward to this time declare that Satan will work with all power and "with all deceivableness of unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10.*

- *His working is plainly revealed by the rapidly increasing darkness, the multitudinous errors, heresies, and delusions of these last days. Not only is Satan leading the world captive, but his deceptions are leavening the professed churches of our Lord Jesus Christ. The great apostasy will develop into darkness deep as midnight, impenetrable as sackcloth of hair. To God's people it will be a night of trial, a night of weeping, a night of persecution for the truth's sake. But out of that night of darkness God's light will shine."*

Christ's Object Lessons pg. 414

- **Jeremiah 30:5-7**



THE MARRIAGE

- “And while they went to buy, **the bridegroom came**; and **they that were ready** went in with him to **the marriage**: and **the door was shut**.” **Verse 10**
- After the time of tarry and delay, the Bridegroom finally arrives. He takes His people, *the wise virgins*, **into the marriage** with Him and **the door of probation is now shut forever**. Those that will be unholy shall remain so, those that are righteous shall so remain.
Revelation 22:11.
- These **wise virgins** had oil in their vessels, they daily surrendered all to Christ and allowed Him to work in their hearts, transforming them into His image; “***Behold, all things are made new***”. The oil caused their lamps to burn, and they went forth, shining their lights and leading others along the path that leads to life.
- They were **watching** and **preparing** for the Coming of the Bridegroom. They were **studying** the Scriptures and the prophecies, as a result they were able to discern that **the time was near**, that the time of **judgment** was coming to an end, and a definite **reformation** was needed in their lives. They were afflicting their souls, and confessing every known sin, striving by the grace of God to gain the victory over sin.



THE MARRIAGE

- The Marriage here does not refer to the 2nd Coming, but rather to the time when Christ finishes His work of intercession, ceasing to be the High Priest. The judgment has ended, the gospel has gone to all nations, tribes and people and has accomplished its work.
- All have chosen a side, *life or death, Christ or satan, the number of the Saints have been made up*. Therefore, Christ presents Himself to the Father, **to receive the Kingdom**, so that He can now pour out the plagues of His judgment upon all the wicked, **Revelation 16**, then He leaves the courts of Heaven with all the angels to gather His people. First, the dead in Christ, and those of us who are alive and remain, *the wise virgins* as it were, **Matthew 25:31; 2 Thessalonians 4:16-17**.
- “The coming of the bridegroom [to the marriage], here brought to view, takes place before the marriage. **The marriage represents the reception by Christ of His kingdom....** In the Revelation, the people of God are said to be the guests at the marriage supper. **Revelation 19:9...** Having received the kingdom, He will come in His glory, as King of kings and Lord of lords, for the redemption of His people, who are to “sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob,” at His table in His kingdom (**Matthew 8:11; Luke 22:30**), to partake of the marriage supper of the Lamb.” CIHS pg. 155



THE MARRIAGE

- *I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man (Jesus) came with the clouds of heaven and came to the Ancient of days (Christ comes to the Father not to the earth), and they brought him near before Him. And **there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom** (Christ receives the Kingdom from the Father, the Judgement is over, all the saints are made up, He is no longer High Priest, but King) that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.” **Daniel 7:13-14***
- *“Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready..... Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.” **Revelation 19:7-9***



LORD, LORD, OPEN TO US!

- *“The ten virgins are watching in the evening of this earth's history. All claim to be Christians. All have a call, a name, a lamp, and all profess to be doing God's service. All apparently wait for Christ's appearing. But five are unready. Five will be found surprised, dismayed, outside the banquet hall.”* Christ's Object Lessons, pg. 412
- *“Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But He answered and said, **Verily I say unto you, I know you not.**”* Verse 11-12
- Here is shown clearly that **not all who profess to be Christians are known by Christ.** Those who know the truth yet persist in sin and reject the will of the Father, are no children of God. They are simply living a lie; they have but a mere *“form of godliness”* but have not experienced the true sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit.



LORD, LORD, OPEN TO US!

- *“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 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? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”* **Matthew 7: 21-23**
- Christ’s words could not be any clearer. No amount of prophesying, no amount of casting out of evil spirits and no amount of miracle working, makes one a child of God, but **obedience**. Obedience is better than sacrifice! To hearken better than the fat of lambs.
- The foolish virgins knew the truth, after all, they are **virgins**. They professed a knowledge of the Word, but **they did not live according to it**. When light was brought before them, they, like the unfaithful servant said “my Lord delayeth His coming”, therefore, they began to “eat and drink with the drunken (the wicked), **Matthew 24:48-49**, as a result, Christ declares, “I know you not.”



IN CLOSING

- “Saddest of all words that ever fell on mortal ear are those words of doom, **“I know you not.”** The fellowship of the Spirit, which you have slighted, could alone make you one with the joyous throng at the marriage feast. ***In that scene you cannot participate.*** Its light would fall on blinded eyes, its melody upon deaf ears. Its love and joy could awake no chord of gladness in the world-benumbed heart. **You are shut out from heaven by your own unfitness for its companionship.**” Christ’s Object Lessons, pg. 413
- **“We cannot be ready to meet the Lord by waking when the cry is heard, “Behold, the Bridegroom!” and then gathering up our *empty lamps* to have them replenished.** We cannot keep Christ apart from our lives here, and yet be fitted for His companionship in Heaven.




IN CLOSING

- In the parable **the wise virgins had oil in their vessels with their lamps**. Their light burned with undimmed flame through the night of watching. It helped to swell the illumination for the bridegroom's honour. Shining out in the darkness, it helped to illuminate the way to the home of the bridegroom, to the marriage feast.
- So, the followers of Christ are to shed light into the darkness of the world. **Through the Holy Spirit, God's word is a light as it becomes a transforming power in the life of the receiver.** By implanting in their hearts, the principles of His word, the Holy Spirit develops in men the attributes [character] of God. The light of His glory—**His character**—is to shine forth in His followers. Thus, they are to glorify God, to lighten the path to the Bridegroom's home, to the city of God, to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” Christ’s Object Lessons, pg. 413-414
- “Therefore, be ye also **ready**: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” **Matthew 24:14**



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