

The Wise And The Foolish

“At that time the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten Virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were wise. The foolish one’s took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they became all drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet Him! Then all the Virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish one’s said to the wise, give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out. No, they replied, there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.” “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The Virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ” “Later the others also came. Sir, Sir! They said, open the door for us!” “But He replied, “I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.” “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.” (Matthew 25:1-13)

As we are heading towards the end of the Book of Matthew, When the Lord in a short time would face betrayal, crucifixion and death on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins; here we found the Lord started speaking about His second coming. The truth is this after Jesus death and burial, HE rose from the dead, He went to heaven and He will come back to bring salvation for those who are waiting for Him. Therefore he started to speak in parables about His second coming because He wants His church and His people to be ready to go with Him to heaven. In the parable that we read those virgins who were ready they went with the groom to the wedding banquet,

The wedding banquet is a joyful assembly of people, where they celebrate the wedding with songs, nice and new dress, delicious food and sweet drinks. The same will be when Jesus would come; *“For the LORD himself will come down from heaven. With a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of GOD, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)* Surely we will meet the Lord in the cloud and we will be with Him forever. *“Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!”* It will be a glorious day and we will receive our reward from the Lord Jesus, we who obey Him and follow His command.

The wise virgins are those who have oil in their lamps; lamps with oil have the power to reproduce light. The same for the believers, those who have the Holy

Spirit they have the light of Jesus in them. They are showing that light by doing the work of God that He already prepared for us to do as His word tells us, *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)*

The manifestation of the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer’s life is manifested by speaking in new tongues, prayerful life, miracles, signs and wonders, and great and profound Evangelization reaching out new souls; they have the same mind and heart of Jesus in the way they think, plan and act. They are really wise keeping the flame of the Holy Spirit, following what the word of God it says, *“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the LORD.” (Romans 12:11)* When the Lord Jesus will come, He will take those who are awake mentally and ready at the right moment. The coming of Jesus will be sudden like a thief in the night, *“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Matthew 24:36)* *“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your LORD will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” (Matthew 24:42-44)* The foolish they were not ready when the bridegroom came that is why they were left behind.

My dear and beloved: Spiritual preparation is not something which can be distributed round in a crisis. The wise virgin in the parable they are not selfish in pointing this out to the foolish virgin; the oil of the Holy Spirit every believer would have it if he would have a personal relationship with the Lord who is the Spirit. The foolish were shut out because the bridegroom who is here represented the Lord did not know them in a personal way, as His word says: *“Not Everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘LORD, LORD, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, evildoers.’” (Matthew 7:21-23)*

My prayer: *Father Lord I thank you for the Salvation I receive through faith in Jesus who died for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word; Lord fill me with the Holy Spirit and help me to persevere and maintain my spiritual fervour in serving you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*