

"...they ALL slumbered and slept..."



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If your eyes have been opened, as one brought out of darkness, and you are looking for Christ to return, then these words should mean something to you: "...knowing the time, that NOW it is high time to AWAKE out of sleep: for NOW is our salvation NEARER than when we believed" (ROMANS 13:11). Have you believed? Consider the story of the TEN virgins.

In Matthew 25: 1-13, Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven is compared to ten virgins. They are called "virgins" because they ALL profess to be espoused to ONE husband, Jesus, our Savior.



They all took "their" lamps, which represent the Word of God: "Thy WORD is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (PSALM 119:105). They ALL went forth to meet the bridegroom, which is Christ.

Out of these ten virgins, five were wise and five were foolish, which demonstrates both the believer and unbeliever, the "wheat and the tares," growing "together until the harvest" (MATTHEW 13:30).

Throughout the scriptures, the descriptions of the "true" and the "false" are clearly seen: the Wheat and the Tares; children of the Kingdom and the children of the Wicked One; light and darkness; brethren and false brethren; sheep and goats.

The difference between the wise and foolish virgins is, the wise took oil in their "vessels" with their lamps, while "...they that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them" (vs. 3). The "Oil" is an Old Testa-

ment symbol of the Holy Spirit, and the "vessels" mentioned is a type of the body of the believer where the Holy Spirit (OIL) dwells.

"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" (vs. 5-6). We are living in the MIDNIGHT hour now, when Christ will come for his Bride.

"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. 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" (vs 7-10).



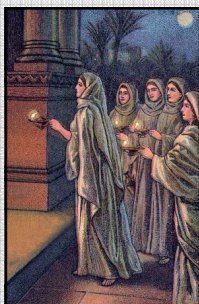
In the Word of God, it is written: "Buy the TRUTH, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding" (PROVERBS 23:23). These items come with a price: YOUR SUBMISSION!

"...but NOW [God] commandeth all men every where to REPENT: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man [JESUS] whom he hath ordained..." (ACTS 17:30-31).

"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" (vs. 10). All believers will soon meet the Lord in the air, and the

“Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”

door of opportunity will be **SHUT** to those who have heard the Word, and rejected it. Those members of the “*lukewarm*” visible church (REVELATION 3:16), which desire sermons of “*smooth things*” (ISAIAH 30:10) will not “*endure sound doctrine*,” (2 TIMOTHY 4:3), and will be **LEFT BEHIND**.



“...God shall send them **STRONG DELUSION**, that they should **BELIEVE A LIE**: That they **ALL** might be damned who **believed not the TRUTH**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (2 THES. 2:11-12).



“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**. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh” (vs 11-13).

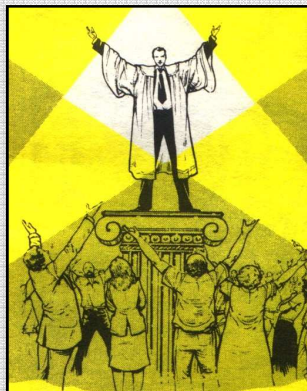
Are **YOU** watching? Do you possess “**OIL**” with your lamp? “**Examine yourselves**, whether ye be **IN the faith**; **PROVE** your own selves. **Know ye not** your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is IN you**, except

ye be **reprobates**” (2 COR. 13:15)? Jesus told his disciples “...I will pray the Father, and **he shall give you ANOTHER Comforter**, that he may **abide with you for ever**; Even **the Spirit of truth**...for he dwelleth with you, and **shall be IN you**” (JOHN 14:16-17).

The Holy Spirit **IS** the believer’s “**Oil**” and “**Comforter**” today, and He dwells **IN** every believer. But the religious world **WILL NOT** believe it.

Even when it is **WRITTEN** in the scriptures: “But the anointing [**THE HOLY SPIRIT**] which ye **have received of him** abideth **IN you**, and ye need not that **any man teach you**: but as the same anointing **teacheth you of ALL things**, and is **TRUTH**, and **is no lie**, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him” (1 JOHN 2:27), the **religious masses will not believe it**.

Instead, they “**heap to themselves**” a “**man**” or a “**translation**” to **understand the Word of God**, rather than allow God Himself to teach them **by faith**.



While the world continues to worship all the “Rev. Wonderfals,” the **true** invisible church will be ushered **out** of this world through the **DOOR**, in the air.



“**STRIVE to enter in** at the strait gate: for **many**, I say unto you, **will seek to enter in**, and **shall not be able**” (LUKE 13:24). **WHY?** “Because **strait is the gate**, and **NARROW is the way**, which leadeth unto life, and **FEW there be** that find it” (MATTHEW 7:14).

“AWAKE to righteousness, and SIN NOT; for some have not the knowledge of God” (1 Cor. 15:34).