



## The Return Series

### Part 3

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The Gospel of Saint Matthew 25:1-13, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered,

saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'<sup>12</sup> But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'<sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." May Lord add His blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word Today, in Jesus Name, Amen...

Today we will be continuing our series on The Return during which we will be dissecting some unique texts, whether they be parable or prophetic, to see what the Scripture has to say regarding the return of Lord.

Today's passage may seem to be a strange parable of these ten virgins awaiting the coming of the Bridegroom but it was Christ Himself that shared this parable with the intent of giving us insight regarding what we should do, or perhaps see the value of spiritually preparing for, if the Bridegroom were to delay His coming.

And it is these specific insights that I would like to share with all of us this morning in hopes that we choose to be prepared and have the oil for our lamps. With that said, point #1...

# 1. The Ten Virgins all saw the Need for the Lamps but not all Ten Virgins saw the Value of the Oil!

- a. Notice with me verses 1-4 found in this passage of text...
- b. “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.”
- c. One point in this parable that I feel is not given much attention to but all ten of these noted characters were virgins. They were holy. They were set apart. They had not given their purity away. They saw the value of protecting their value.
- d. Church, holiness is still right because without holiness no man shall see the Father! But notice all ten were holy and set apart but not all ten were ready and prepared.
- e. I want you all to notice that what points towards their foolishness or wisdom was not their virginity but rather their foresight to be prepared if the Bridegroom was delayed and darkness came before His coming!

- f. In this text we discover that the wise prepared for his delay; the foolish depended on His timeliness to make up for their laziness and lack of foresight.
- g. The wise embraced the possibility of the bridegrooms delay but the fools refused to entertain the thought that the Bridegroom could delay and the darkness around them would hinder their travels to marriage feast when the Bridegroom came to call.
- h. Remember that all Ten Virgins saw the Need for the Lamps but not all Ten Virgins saw the Value of the Oil! The Oil is Important!
- i. Point #2...

## 2. The Ten Virgins all saw the Need of Waiting on the Bridegroom but not all Ten Virgins were Prepared for the Darkness to precede His Coming!

- a. Notice with me verses 5-6 found in this passage of text...
- b. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
- c. In these few verses, we discover that all were waiting for the bride groom, all became drowsy, all fell asleep and all heard the call but what separated the ten into two groups of five was the oil!



- d. The unique facet of this text is this: their virginity, their holiness, did not remove from them their burden of humanity but it was the oil that made up for their human which allowed those 5 to light their way and the other 5 to be left in the dark.
- e. Church family! The anointing of the Holy Ghost is absolutely necessary and needful if we intend on lighting the way when the bridegroom comes to call! Say this with me, “I Need the Anointing! I need the Oil of the Holy Ghost!”
- f. Remember, all Ten Virgins saw the Need of Waiting on the Bridegroom but not all Ten Virgins were Prepared for the Darkness to precede His Coming!
- g. Point #3...

**3. The Ten Virgins all fell asleep while waiting on the Bridegroom but not all ten virgins had the oil the light their way when the Bridegroom came!**

- a. Notice with me verses 7-9...
- b. <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not

be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'

- c. Church family, all ten were virgins. All ten were waiting! All ten had lamps! All ten fell asleep! All ten heard the midnight cry! But not all had the oil to light the way!
- d. The Oil is what separated the Ten Virgins! It was the oil! And my question for all of us today is this! Do you have the oil? Do you have the oil? Do you have the anointing of the Holy Ghost? Do you have the Oil of the Spirit!
- e. The oil is what separate the Ten Virgins and I firmly believe that it is the oil that separate the prepared church and the unprepared church in light of the forthcoming catching away; the upcoming return of the bridegroom!
- f. And as for me and as for this house, so far as it lies within me, **WE WILL HAVE THE OIL! WE WILL HAVE THE MOVE OF THE SPIRIT! WE WILL HAVE AUTHENTIC PENTECOSTAL EXPRESSION! WE WILL HAVE THE POWER OF GOD DEMONSTRATED HERE! WE WILL HAVE THE OIL IN THIS HOUSE!**

g. Remember, all Ten Virgins fell asleep while waiting on the Bridegroom but not all ten virgins had the oil the light their way when the Bridegroom came!

h. Point #4...

4. The Ten Virgins were all waiting for the Bridegroom but it was only the ones with the Oil that made it to the marriage supper of the Lamb!

a. Notice with me verses 10-13...

b. <sup>10</sup> 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.” <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

c. The bottom line is this! Christian hear me clearly today! To seek the oil after the door has been shut is futile! To pursue the oil of the Spirit after the master has already come to call is pointless!

d. You need the oil today! Don’t leave this gathering today without the oil! Let the Oil of the Holy Ghost begin to pour into your life today!

- e. Church! The Ten Virgins were all waiting for the Bridegroom but it was only the ones with the Oil that made it to the marriage supper of the Lamb!
- f. And want every single person under the sound of my voice today to make it to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb! I want all of us to make it to the marriage feast! I want all of us to make it and be able to stand around the throne upon that crystal sea and be able to praise the King of Glory with every tribe, tongue, kindred and nation!
- g. Church family, the oil makes the difference! The anointing makes the difference! And today it's time to get the oil!