

HOW'S YOUR “CHECK OIL LIGHT” DOING?

We will be talking all year about making sure we have oil in our lamps while looking at end times prophecy throughout the Bible and how we should act and behave as Christians through the things unfolding in the world. Our goal in this is to get less distracted by all the stuff that's going on in our world.

EASILY DISTRACTED...

2026 The Little Chapel Verse:

“Therefore we must give the more earnest
heed to the things we have heard,
lest we drift away.”

-Hebrews 2:1

WHEAT AND TARES

- CONTEXT
- SCRIPTURE
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CONTEXT:

In the ancient Middle East, a common weed called bearded darnel grew in grain fields and looked almost identical to actual wheat until both matured. Pulling up the weeds prematurely would have destroyed the wheat's root system. Thus, both were to grow together until the harvest.

WHEAT AND TARES

SCRIPTURE:

- Matthew 13:30
- Matthew 13:36-43

WHEAT AND TARES

SPIRITUAL MEANING:

Represents true believers who are preserved and gathered into God's Kingdom. It points out the wickedness and deceptive superficial faith that is destined for destruction, the divine justice that purifies by burning away corruption, and the need for patience as God allows both to grow together to protect the righteous and to ensure judgment only occurs at the appropriate time.

BURNING THE CHAFF

CONTEXT:

In ancient farming, chaff is the dry, worthless husk that surrounds the valuable kernel of wheat. During the harvest, farmers would use a winnowing fork to toss the grain into the air; the wind would blow the light chaff away, while the heavier wheat fell to the floor to be gathered.

BURNING THE CHAFF

SCRIPTURE:

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor, gathering His wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

-Matthew 3:11-12

BURNING THE CHAFF

SCRIPTURE:

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

Whatever he does prospers.”

-Psalm 1

BURNING THE CHAFF

SCRIPTURE:

“Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”

-Psalm 1

BURNING THE CHAFF

SPIRITUAL MEANING:

Represents divine judgement and the separation of the righteous from the unrighteous. The “chaff” represents those who reject God, as well as the fleshly, useless aspects of human nature (pride, greed, selfish ambition) that bear no spiritual fruit.

PURIFYING OUT THE DROSS

CONTEXT:

Dross is the layer of impure, WASTE MATTER that rises to the top of molten silver or gold when it is heated in a furnace.

A silversmith must apply intense heat and repeatedly skim away the dross until the metal is clear enough to reflect the smith's face.

PURIFYING OUT THE DROSS

SCRIPTURE: (The Refiner)

“He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness.”

-Malachi 3:3

PURIFYING OUT THE DROSS

SCRIPTURE: (The Process)

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith- of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire- may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

-1 Peter 1:6-7

PURIFYING OUT THE DROSS

SCRIPTURE: (The Outcome)

“Remove the dross from the silver,
and out goes material for the silversmith.”

-Proverbs 25:4

PURIFYING OUT THE DROSS

SPIRITUAL MEANING:

Represents a refining process of dross that stays with the metal until it is completely pure. Illustrating God desires to rid our lives of whatever hinders our spiritual growth.

THE REFINING

Each of these are powerful metaphors that represent God's process of separating the valuable from the worthless.

It shows how we can be useable for God's purpose through removing our sin and refining out character.

THE REFINING

Zechariah 13:7-14:1

THE REFINING

- The Trial
- The Refined Character
- The Refined Prayer
- The Refiner's Outcome

THE REFINING

Job's Trial:

Lost his wealth, his children, and his physical health in a series of catastrophic events, followed by the agonizing accusations of his closest friends.

THE REFINING

Job's Refined Character:

He wrestled with deep grief and confusion, but the trial ultimately burned away self-reliance. It brought him to a state of absolute humility and a much deeper revelation of God's sovereignty.

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Job's Refined Prayer:

“I had heard of you by the hearing
of the ear, but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself, and
repent in dust and ashes.”

-Job 42:5-6

THE REFINING

The Refiner's Outcome for Job:

“But He knows the way I take; when He has tried me, I shall come out as gold.”

-Job 23:10

THE REFINING

David's Trial:

His moral collapse with Bathsheba.

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David's Refined Character:

He wept, repented, praised the LORD,
and from that point on, actively asked
God to act as the silversmith.

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David's Refined Prayer:

“Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin...Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow...Create in me a clean heart, O God.”

-Psalm 51:2; 7; 10

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The Refiner's Outcome for David:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there be any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!”

-Psalm 139:23-24

THE REFINING

Peter's Trial:

He confidently boasted that he would never abandon Jesus, but hours later, on the night of the crucifixion, he denied knowing Him three times.

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Peter's Refined Character:

This broke Peter's self-reliance.
The chaff of Peter's pride was burned
away, leaving a humble, fearless
leader of the church.

THE REFINING

Peter's Refined Prayer:

“Praise be to the God and Father of our
LORD Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He
has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead, and into an inheritance that...

-1 Peter 1:3-5

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Peter's Refined Prayer:

“can never perish, spoil or fade-kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”

-1 Peter 1:3-5

THE REFINING

The Refiner's Outcome for Peter:

Encouraging others "So that your faith-of greater worth than gold, ... may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

-1 Peter 1:3-5

THE REFINING

Jesus's Trial:

Though he was without sin and had no “dross” to clear, He underwent the most intense emotional and spiritual refining furnace in human history as he prepared to take on the sins of the world and go to the cross.

THE REFINING

Jesus's Refined Prayer & Outcome:
In the Garden of Gethsemane, Christ
sweated drops of blood as He prayed:
“Abba, Father, all things are possible for
you. Remove this cup from me...”

THE REFINING

Jesus's Refined Prayer & Outcome:

The prayer did not stop at His human desire to avoid the pain. It immediately shifted to total alignment with the Father's will: "...Yet not My will, but Yours be done." This is a refined heart. It submits personal comfort to divine purpose.

**HOW'S YOUR
“CHECK OIL LIGHT” DOING?**

**REPENT & Let the Refiner do
His job in your life!**

HOW'S YOUR “CHECK OIL LIGHT” DOING?

“Sow for yourselves righteousness,
reap the fruit of unfailing love,
and break up YOUR unplowed ground;
for it is time to seek the LORD,
until He comes and showers
righteousness on you.”

-Hosea 10:12

HOW'S YOUR “CHECK OIL LIGHT” DOING?

“When anyone hears the message about the Kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.”

-Matthew 13:19-23

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“The one who received the seed that fell on the rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.”

-Matthew 13:19-23

HOW'S YOUR “CHECK OIL LIGHT” DOING?

“The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.”

-Matthew 13:19-23

HOW'S YOUR “CHECK OIL LIGHT” DOING?

“But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

-Matthew 13:19-23