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Parable #10 – Part 3

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Matthew 25:1-13

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THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

1.) Know what you believe

v.1-5

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⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they **ALL** slumbered and slept.
(They lived life as normal)

The thrust of the Parable is “Expectancy or Imminence”

¹³ **Watch** therefore,
for you know neither **the day** nor **the hour** in which the Son of Man is **coming**.

Luke 21:34-36 NIV

“Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ *Be always on the watch, and pray that you may escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.*”

1 Thessalonians 1:10

“..wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead,
even Jesus who delivers us from **the wrath to come**.

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also **eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,** ²¹ **who will transform our lowly body** that it may be conformed to His glorious body,

Matthew 24:44

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour **you do not expect**.

“Know what you believe so that you can argue for why you believe it. Do what you believe so that what you believe is a reality in your life.” – somebody

1 Peter 3:15

But **sanctify** the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a **reason** (*explain, defend*) for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

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2.) Act upon what you believe

v. 6-10

“And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and **trimmed** their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, **the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.**”

What made them all virgins?

Is the fact that they all believed the bridegroom was coming.

There are people who attend church, and they believe that being a part of a church is a good thing. They do church stuff and even enjoy it.

But as time goes on, **“The Five”** begin to (1) loosen up on their grip of God. (2) They begin to allow things into their lives that shouldn't be allowed. (3) They begin to get selective with Bible doctrines and scriptures. (4) They compromise and then slip away into apostasy – (5) they were never true followers, they never had real faith.

Because faith is Confirmed by Good Works and God Trials.

**Our Sons and our Daughters Know the Truth about Us.
Our Husbands and our Wives Know the Truth about Us.**

What if God decided to base our entrance into heaven

on what others say about us? Better still, what if God allowed our wives or our husbands or our sons or our daughters to answer that issue?

**“In a court by a jury of your peers, we find the defendant -
lost for time and eternity”**

What made the foolish, foolish?

They were not deliberate, or intentional about being ready. Something had distracted them. Something else had become a greater priority than Jesus' return.

Why didn't they have enough oil?

The foolish were not expecting a delay. The invitation was good and acceptable to them so long as things didn't get too rough. It was an issue of convenience.

Matthew 24:10-13

And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

What makes someone ready?

The ever present person and active work of the Holy Spirit. (oil)

1 John 2:20-21

But you have an **anointing** from the Holy One, and you know all things. ²¹ I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

Anointing cri ÷ sma **Chrisma**, *khris´-mah*;
from an unction or smearing – having been marked out
or touched with a special endowment (“chrism”)
of the Holy Spirit for living

1 John 2:26-27

These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. ²⁷ But the **anointing** which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same **anointing** teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

“As Christians – the Holy Spirit is Preparing us and Alerting us
to not only what’s happening around us, but gives us discernment
about what is about to happen.”

Failing to endure unto the end - running out of oil
The Christian will sense the need to press on or “abide” into Christ more.

2 Timothy 2:3-4

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

Application:

- #1 Only get involved in things that build up your faith in Jesus Christ.
- #2 Do an honest, self evaluation of what you claim to believe and how you actually live.
- #3 Are you yielding yourself more and more to what God wants.

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3.) Heed what you believe

v.11-12

“Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ **12** But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’”

**>>> How is it that the very ones who were <<<
invited were unknown to the Bridegroom?**

God’s Invitation for Salvation is Universal.

Matthew 22:14

“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Luke 8:18

Therefore **take heed how you hear**. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”

Mark 4:24

Then He said to them, “**Take heed what you hear**. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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4.) Watch with what you believe

v.13

“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

For those in and out of the church, there is an 800 lb. Gorilla in the room. It’s the biblical doctrine of the return of Jesus Christ.

People will argue it, people will argue over it.
People will try to spiritualize it or explain it away – guess what?
Ready or not Jesus Christ is Coming.

Revelation 3:10-11

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

Luke 21:29-36

Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. ³⁴ “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Jude 1:24

Now **to Him who is able** to keep you from stumbling, And **to present you faultless** Before the presence of His glory **with exceeding joy,**

**Let's Pray Tonight To Be Filled Again
With the power of the Holy Spirit.**

I Wanna Invite You to Come Forward Tonight to Pray This Prayer

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

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