

## **The Parable of the Ten Virgins**

This parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13), is a parable of which many have discussed with no settled satisfaction; therefore it is a fact, that there is no information given, as to reveal its real meaning.

What I wish to do is to present to you my views on this parable.

There are some things that we must take notice of, and that is the time to which it is dealing with, as to the coming of the kingdom, and the meeting with the bridegroom. We must realize this is a future event. There are two classes of people mentioned in the parable, five are wise and five are foolish, and all ten are virgins; and they are waiting for the bridegroom's return. They all took their lamps with them. The wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps, but the foolish virgins took no oil with their lamps, Matthew 25:1-4. And while they all slumbered and slept, there was a cry made, behold the bridegroom cometh, verse 6. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps, verse 7. The foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out, verse 8. And the wise answered and said, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go to them that sell, and buy for yourselves, verse 9. 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. And afterwards came also the other virgins, saying, Master, Master, open to us. The answer was, I know you not, verses 9-12.

We have heard discussions on what the oil is thought to be. Some teach it to be the Holy Spirit.

I want to bring you an example given in Acts 8:17-20, where Peter and John laid their hands on the believers, and they received the Holy Spirit. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whom-

soever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit. But Peter's rebuke was, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of Yahweh may be purchased with money. These verses prove you can't buy the Holy Spirit. Therefore the oil is not the Holy Spirit. If we teach that the oil is the Holy Spirit, and as the parable goes, the wise virgins told the foolish virgins to go and buy oil (the Holy Spirit); then the wise virgins were encouraging the foolish virgins to do the very thing that Peter rebuked Simon for. Peter said unto Simon, Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of Yahweh.

Repent therefore of thy wickedness, and pray Yahweh, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity, verses 21-23.

In Proverbs 23:23, we are told to buy the truth and sell it not. So the truth can be bought.

In Psalms 119:105, Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

In verse 130, The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple. We have found the lamp to be the Word. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Yahweh, Matthew 4:4. His Word giveth light from it; for it is a lamp. In the parable they had vessels with their lamps. I do not believe they were carrying a common lamp around, and a can of oil. For it has much more meaning than that.

In Acts 9:15-16, Yahshua speaking to Ananias said unto him, Go thy way: for he (Paul) is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear by NAME before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him great things he must suffer for my NAME'S SAKE.

Paul is the vessel and he bears the name. We find this something that Paul bears is found in the Song of Solomon 1:3.

"Because of thy savour of thy good ointments thy NAME is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee."

Paul was this vessel, and YAHSHUA'S NAME was in this vessel. It was-the-oil that poured forth among the Gentiles.

The lamps (word) of the foolish virgins has gone out; because there was no real oil. They only used a substitute oil (name) and it doesn't give light. The wise virgins had oil (the true name) in their vessels. Do you brother, have the real oil in your vessel or a substitute?

The name of Yahweh is a strong tower, and the righteous runneth into it, and is safe, Proverbs 18:10. Here it is a tower, a safe place for the righteous to run into. And when the door is shut the foolish virgins can't get in, Matthew 25:10.

I will say of Yahweh, He is my refuge and my fortress: my El; in Him will I trust... He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wing shalt thou trust. In verses 5, and 6, are four things one shall not be afraid of. When destruction shall come at noonday, a thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee...because thou hast made Yahweh, which is my refuge, even the host high, thy habitation; Then shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling, Psalm 91:2-10. There must be a reason for this protection? In verses 14, and 15, it says: Because He has set His love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my NAME. We have a promise of deliverance from the plagues because we know His name.

Let us consider Revelations 9:1-4, when the fifth angel sounds, a star will fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key to the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit: and there arose a smoke out of the pit...and out of this smoke came locusts upon the earth: power was given them as the scorpions of the earth have power: and it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the

earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but ONLY THOSE MEN WHICH HAVE NOT THE SEAL OF YAHWEH IN THEIR FOREHEADS.

In Revelations 9:20, we find plagues poured out that men did not repent of. In Psalms 91:10, it said, no plague shall come nigh thy dwelling, because we know His name. It is a fact we are sealed with His name. And this we do hope to prove.

As I have stated already, the ten virgins, the five wise and the five foolish, are waiting the return of the bridegroom, which must be a latter day parable.

In Revelations 3:7-22, we have two churches discussed, which seems to fit the wise and the foolish virgins. Quoting from verses 7 to 10: To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word (lamp), and hast not denied my NAME. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. In these four verses the church in Philadelphia (verse 7) hath kept His word, and hath not denied His name. Verses 8, and 9, shows He loves the ones that love His Name.

Lord and God are not His name, neither were, or ever will be.

The prophet said: My people shall know my NAME, Isaiah 52:6.

Revelation 3:10 reveals it to be the time of temptation that comes upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth; also it was spoken of in Psalms 91, and Revelations, 9th chap-

ter. In the third chapter, verses 1-12, it speaks of the coming of the bridegroom, "Behold I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My El, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My El, and the name of the city of My El, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My El: and I will write upon him My new name."

"The man of wisdom shall see thy name," Micah 6:9. 'Yes, the wise virgins shall see His name. But the foolish virgins are not prepared, "they will not hear the law of Yahweh: which say to the seers, see not; and to the prophets, Prophecy unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: Isaiah 30:9-10, Brethren, we are living in a time, just as it was in Isaiah's day.

Remember that Yahweh can't be deceived or mocked, Gal. 6:7. Satan has deceived those who reject the truth of His name.

A minister said to me, the name is right but it is Hebrew. The first day keepers say, Saturday is the Sabbath, but it is Jewish or Hebrew. What better are you than the first day keepers if you don't have His name in your forehead. I am inclined to believe, too many ministers are bought with a price.

In Revelations 3:14-19, we have a picture of the foolish virgins, "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; these things saith the first, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of El. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold or hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. (Yes, be honest and get on fire for Yahweh's truth or get out). So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Yes, they were all called virgins. Sure, there were two kinds of virgins, the wise and the foolish. They all waited, and they slumbered and slept. Which class are we in?

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind (in the dark, their light has gone out), and naked (no wedding garment, Matthew 22:11). Now brother, Revelations 3:17 is not talking about material things; but it is talking about spiritual things: such as the truth, regardless of what it is, as in verse 18, I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich: and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.

The man of wisdom shall see thy name, Micah. 6:9.

Back to Revelations 3:20, Behold I stand at the door, and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in unto him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Going back to the 12th verse, which deals with the Philadelphia church; which is a picture of the wise virgins at the coming of our Savior, notice verses 7, and 8, also this was stated in the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, see Matthew 25:10-13. The foolish were rich as given in Revelation 3:17. They thought they did not need Yahweh's name. They thought Lord and God was good enough. They were rich in that, but their lamps went out, for they had no oil. Song of Solomon 1:3, and notice Matthew 25:8.

Let us get more proof in Revelations 7:1-4. Here are four angels holding the four winds, or four powers of the earth. Winds symbolize War, the earth in Daniel 7:17, the people in Ezekiel 17:24, and "The waters," in Revelations 17:15 "are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." In Revelations 7:2, we have a fulfillment of this symbol. "I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living Elohim: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels (see verse 1), to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed

the servants of El in their foreheads...and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel, verses 3-4. Again we see a great multitude from every nation, "These are they that came out of great tribulation," verses 9-14. The tribulation comes during the last three and a half years of time.

In Revelations 9:1-4, it tells of locusts coming out of the smoke from the bottomless pit. They were given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. It was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of Yahweh in their foreheads. They were not to kill them, but to torment them five months, verse 5. We can see the 91st Psalm being fulfilled: and these are plagues as is stated in Revelations 9:20. Now what is the seal?

"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on Mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Fathers Name written in their foreheads;" Revelations 14:1. This is the seal of chapter 9:4. These are virgins. They have not denied His Name, Revelations 3:8. They follow the lamb whithersoever He goeth, Revelations 14:4.

The Goodspeed Translation has Revelations 14:1 as follows: "I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, with Him an 144,000 people who had His Name and His Fathers Name written on their foreheads."

We have our choice, we can know the truth or reject it. We can lightly esteem the truth about the Name; but remember, we shall give an account in that day as to why it is not in our foreheads. Many lightly esteem the Seventh Day Sabbath, but yet it is in the Ten Commandments, and the Name is in the fourth commandment.

Revelation 22:4 states: "And they shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads." Will you have a substitute such as Lord or God there, instead of Yahweh, and His Son's

Name, Yahshua? Yahshua means Yah our Salvation. Just think how easy we can judge ourselves unworthy of Eternal Life. We can be our own judges, Acts 13:46.

Paul testified that Yahshua spoke to him in the Hebrew tongue, and asked him why he was persecuting Him, Acts 26:14.

Brother, do you believe the word Jesus is Hebrew, or Greek? Do you believe that Yahshua's Hebrew mother would give Yahshua a Greek name, when He came from the line of Judah, Hebrews 7:14; John 4:9; Salvation is of the Jews, verse 22. They want Salvation and they want a Savior, but they want to give the Hebrew Savior, and Salvation a Greek name.

The Sunday Keepers reject the Sabbath because it was given to the Hebrew people and they kept it holy. They call it a Jewish Sabbath. Yahweh said it was a Memorial of Creation, Genesis 2:3.

The nations reject the Name because it too came through the Hebrew people. Yahweh also said the Name was a Memorial in Exodus 3:15. Yahweh said His Name was in Him, Exodus 23:21. This was Yahshua which is Yah's Salvation. Truly He came in His Father's Name, John 5:43. Yahshua's prayer was to keep through thine own Name, those whom thou hast given me that they may be one, as we are, John 17:11.

Deep down in your heart, honestly, do you believe, that God was and is His Name; and what part then did God have in Jesus? His Name was in Him.

Paul said that he bowed his knees unto the Father of our master, Yahshua the Messiah, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, Ephesians 3:14-15. If my people which are called by my Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land, Chronicles 2:7-14.



Peter said that there was no salvation in any other Name: whereby we could be saved, Acts 4:12. Brother and Sister, you surely will try to find out what that name is! Substitutes have been added to the word, and the true Name or oil has been diminished from the word. Yahshua said not one jot or tittle shall in no way pass from the law, Matthew 5:18. Israel was to harken and not add unto or take from the word, Deuteronomy 4:2. To take Yahweh from the word, and add Lord or God instead, we are guilty.

Think on this message and see which of the virgins fit us. Are we wise or foolish? The man of wisdom shall see thy Name, Mic. 6:9. HALLELUYAH. Psalms 68:4.

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