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Matthew 25:1-13

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“At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ But He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

Matthew 25:1-13 NIV

No more sleeping in your intimacy with God; no more passivity with what He has called you to; no more settling in your living in purity and holiness; and no more apathy and drowsiness in your walk with Jesus.

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready...Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb! ...These are the true words of God”.

Revelation 19:7, 9 NIV

“His Bride Has Made Herself Ready”

The Way You Prepare is What Sets You Apart!

Preparation is being intentional with what God is requiring of you in the waiting.

Qavah (Hebrew) - to bind together with God and to actively expect Him to act

The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 ESV

Three Things Needed to Prepare Well:

1. The Lamp
2. The Oil
3. The Relationship with the Bridegroom

THE LAMP

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105 NLT

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 ESV

The LAMP Needs the Oil in Order to be Able to Endure with the Light On, with the Fire Burning Until the End.

THE OIL Represents the Holy Spirit, a Spirit-Filled Life!

The Lamp Can Only Be Sustained If You Have Enough Oil

You Can't Sow to the Flesh and Expect Spirit Results

For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:8 ESV

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit”.

Ephesians 5:15-18 ESV

THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BRIDEGROOM

“Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near;”
Isaiah 55:6 ESV

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.
James 4:17 ESV

Our greatest identity as the church is to be the Bride of Jesus. And our greatest assignment/task/calling flows out of that identity, and that is intimacy and relationship with Jesus.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’, will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me...’”
Matthew 7:21-23 NIV