

## The Difference Between the Wise and Foolish Virgin

Brother John, we were speaking on the foolish virgins the other day and I looked up the scripture you suggested. I have listed a few scriptures that I think may bring a thought to this subject. I am not trying to persuade your thinking for I cannot nor should I; but to share a thought based on scriptures which presents my faith.

In this parable of Matthew 25:1 concerning the wise and foolish virgins, there are three key words that we must understand to fully appreciate this parable; Oil, lamp and vessel. We will now present scriptures for the metaphoric use for the terms oil and lamp. After these scriptures we will evaluate the parable of Matthew.

LAMP:

**Psa 119:105** **Thy word is a lamp** unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

**2Sa 22:29** For thou *art my lamp*, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness. (Thou art the Word O' YAHWEH and YAHWEH will lighten my darkness.)

**Psa 132:17** There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have **ordained a lamp** for mine anointed. (I have appointed my Word for mine chosen)

**Pro 6:23** For the **commandment is a lamp**; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life: (For the Word is a lamp and this principle is light which of itself is life.)

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**Exo 25:6** Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, (oil is a metaphor for understanding; understanding is the light for knowledge), **Luk 24:45** Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **1Peter 2:9** ... that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light: It is the burning of the oil that gives light.

Thy Word is a lamp and the light of the lamp is the understanding of the Word.

**Zec 4:2** And said unto me, What saw thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof:

**Zec 4:3** And two olive trees beside it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.

**Zec 4:12** And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?* **4:14** Then said he, These *are the two anointed ones*, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. The two prophets with perfect understanding of the Word; The light of the gospel to the Jewish World in the 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel. Golden oil is perfect understanding.

**Exo 39:37** The pure candlestick, *with the lamps thereof*, *even with the lamps to be set in order*, and *all the vessels thereof*, and the oil for light. (The perfect faith of Messiah with the Words of life to be set in order through the church ages. By His prophets and apostles through whom He pours out understanding, turning darkness to light. The vessel is the spirit within.)

I hope we have a better understanding for the metaphoric terms oil, lamp and vessel. So, What can we learn from this parable of the virgins from Messiah in Matthew's testimony? Let's take a look.

**Mat 25:1** Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto **ten virgins**, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. ("Then" a time will come, "when" the kingdom of heaven is likened ... He said the spiritual place in Elohim is where the virgins dwell. Also, all ten of these virgins carried the Word. To take their Word to the bridegroom required faith and relationship with the bridegroom. All ten took the same Word.)

**Mat 25:2** And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. (At this time in the kingdom of heaven, these born again will become separated into two spiritual categories. This verse states, were wise were foolish; the term were indicates a change occurred in time past.)

**Mat 25:3** They that *were* (past tense) foolish took their lamps, and **took no oil** with them: (No extra oil, other than what was in the lamp. If the lamp had no oil for light why would they take the lamp? They had no extra oil, only what was in the lamp.)

**Mat 25:4** But the wise took (past tense) **put oil in their vessels with their lamps**. Oil is understanding; the wise put additional understanding of the Word in their spirit giving light.

**Mat 25:5** While the bridegroom tarried (to stay somewhere for longer than expected and delay leaving), they all slumbered and slept.

So before the midnight cry the wise slumbered and the foolish slept. This was after Matt 13:52, when the scribe of things new and old had finished his ministry of Rev 10:7-11. More specifically, the Bridegroom tarried after the completion of Hosea's two days, 2005 AD. We are currently living in the time of: "While the Bridegroom tarried." This is where we are in time related to the start for the 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel.

**Slumbered**: to sleep, especially lightly; doze; drowse/be half asleep.

**Slept:** to take the rest afforded by a suspension of voluntary bodily functions and the natural suspension, complete or partial, of consciousness; cease being awake.

There is just enough difference between slumbered and slept that the wise heard and received the extra oil/understanding for the Word they had. The foolish had the Word but not in fullness with its understanding/oil; Such a small separation between them.

**Mat 25:6** And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. (**Rev 10:3** And cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roars: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. (This was at midnight when time was no more. After midnight is 00:01, one minute into the Jewish revival which is Rev 8:1 and Hosea 6:2, the seventh seal to the Jews; the gentile grace age ends after the Thunders speak. The voice teaching the bridegroom cometh is Rev. 10:7 and is prior to Rev 10:3.)

**Mat 25:7** Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. (When the Thunders speak, all ten virgins trim their lamps, all ten hear Revelation 10:3, all ten have faith)

**Mat 25:8** And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. (So the foolish did have oil but not enough to give understanding for the thunder prophecy they heard. Their lamp went out “when” the Thunders speak, not before.)

**Mat 25:9** But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

1. **Pro 23:23** Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

2. **Rev 3:18** I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire ...

3. **Joh 15:26** But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me:

4. **Mat 13:44** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hides, and for joy thereof goeth and sells all that he hath, and buys that field.

5. **Isa 28:9** Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *Them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts. **Isa 28:10** For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

6. **Isa 28:12** To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear. **Isa 28:13** But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

7. **Proverbs 8:20** I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: **8:21** That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

While the virgins, all of them slept and slumbered; Whom were the counselors that possessed the message to sell? We can only buy from the Comforter as we have just read in the previous scriptures. With that said who has been given the counsel that these virgins which awake just long enough, so they will buy from the Comforter? It is apparent that these counselors have

prepared a message that rests on Isaiah's commandment, line upon line. So when these wise awake just enough to look around, they find it and take it to the Comforter for verification. These ministers or counselors have prepared a message prior to these virgins awakening. Who are they? These foolish virgins have been sitting in their church seats every Sunday, all the while the good master carries His return. Yet they hear not? Or there is not to hear?

The wise and foolish at some place in time past sat side by side. Is it that the wise receive line upon line elsewhere? The wise will hear and buy the oil, they will have understanding before the sounding of the Thunders. Yet during the good master carrying his return, the foolish did not hear when the wise heard. Yet, all the virgins heard the midnight cry of Revelation 10:3. They all had been trained to that much. All listening at the same time. But the wise "had" filled their vessel with extra oil while waiting for the midnight cry. Each wise had found a treasure hid in a field and bought the field, they obeyed Isaiah 28:9-10.

As I have heard it said, every time an anointed minister dies the people turn the message into a denomination and the message dies right there. Never to move forward again causing the seed to hybridize. This time we now live, as the good master carrying his return has brought us back full circle, with Christ being on the outside knocking on hearts doors. **Rev 3:20** Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

It is that knocking the slumbering wise virgins hear. I do not believe the foolish virgins are in the old denominations as the message people preach. The foolish are right there in the so called message groups as their ministers teach them to sleep. They now wait for the five fold ministry to receive that great truth for rapture preparation. It looks like these ministers will never receive it. Because if they taught the understanding to become wise, the wise would have no need to instruct the foolish to go and buy from them that sell.

You see the foolish had no choice but to buy where the wise bought their understanding. The foolish didn't know who this was until informed by the wise. The perfecting message is on the outside from someone so unexpected. Christ on the outside knocking, who's the knocker that He is using? Matthew 25:8-9 clearly illustrate the ministry that the foolish sat under, as they did not have the understanding for the message of the hour. This parable also illustrates these virgins sat together under the same teaching for a long time. But eventually there came a separation just near Rev. 10:6; notice these virgins knew each other.

**Mat 25:10** 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.

**Mat 25:11** Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

**Mat 25:12** But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Commentary for Matthew 25:10-12:

Now it is midnight the seven thunders spoke the last prophecy to the gentile age. The virgins all ten heard but only five understood. Five virgins had (past tense) not obeyed Isaiah chapter 28:10, "Line upon line here a little there a little." The curse of Isaiah befalls them: **Isa 28:13**. The five foolish have eternal life, they are virgins, but by

disobedience they are snared and taken into the 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel; they miss the rapture. There shall be gnashing of teeth. It is when they begin to trim or to analyze the prophecy from the Seven Thunders, that they awake.

Once these foolish understand “here a little and there little” then they realize the understanding of the final prophecy. They now have their faith by understanding the Word, but not in time to make the rapture. However, because they find it they are sealed by the Word and ready to live through the 70<sup>th</sup> Week.

Notice verse 25:1 gives a setting of the **kingdom of heaven**; this is the spiritual location that these ten virgins are spiritually dwelling. How do these virgins enter the kingdom of heaven?

Prayer is the answer.

Mat 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees*, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

**Joh 3:5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

The parable begins with Matthew 25:1, identifying a single group of people as virgins. The entire group are virgins, no distinction between them. So what is a virgin, that's the first question. Revelation chapter fourteen defines a spiritual virgin. This chapter is to the Jewish elect under the seventh seal. Let's read the definition for a virgin in the Kingdom of Heaven:

**Rev 14:4** These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the first fruits unto Elohim and to the Lamb.

**Rev 14:3** And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

From the definition of scripture a virgin is a person sealed by the Word unto eternal life. To be redeemed one must receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:38 which seals the man in us. These ten virgins have the same thing in common under the seventh seal as the gentiles under the fourth seal, redemption. But what about the statement that they were not defiled with women, what does this tell us?

To identify whom I believe the women are, we will read another verse from Revelation:

**Rev 17:5** And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Harlots are the religion of Baal, of which many Christian religions teach their theology, they are ever learning the Bible but never understanding the Word. (Many religions not just Christian have these harlots and have throughout the ages; This began with the goddess Inanna, 2,500 BCE)

There is no difference in what is received by the ten virgins and the virgins of the 144,000. Paul said to receive the Word is to be sealed by the Word, Ephesians 1:13. Notice in the parable Mat 25:1, all ten went to meet the bridegroom, they had the same faith. Then in verse 25:8 the foolish virgins had oil before, but when they went out to meet the bridegroom, their lamps had no light as they said, "Our lamps have gone out." They possessed the Word and they still possess that same Word. But when they began to trim their lamps they realized they didn't have enough oil, that final understanding of the Word is what they were missing. They were spiritual enough to know they need more understanding for the Word they had just heard. They didn't go to religion to find it, they new better, they were undefiled by man's theology. Verse 25:10 tells us these foolish virgins went to seek for the Word in the same way the wise did, they sought for the same Word and understanding.

Now in verse 25:11 the foolish virgins returned to enter the marriage supper, I don't think they returned without oil. How could they return to the door who is Christ without a lamp which has light? Now verse 25:12 is the verse of question: "Verily I say unto you, I know you not". Does this mean I never knew you? No, He didn't say that; Messiah said, I know you not. In what way does He not know them? To better understand this let us start with a group that never had known Him:

Lets read **Matt 7:21**, **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

**Mat 7:23** **And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

In this prophecy Messiah said, "I never knew you, depart from me". That's not what he said to the foolish virgins, He said I know you not which means I don't know you as my bride. Notice in 7:21 He said these so-called Christians are not in the kingdom of heaven. But in the twenty-fifth chapter he said the foolish virgins are in the kingdom of heaven, Matt. 25:1.

Now let us go to the end of Matthew chapter 25:31-45, This setting is when the Son of Man sets up His kingdom Millennium, it is after the 70<sup>th</sup> Week ends and He descends from heaven, the saints have walked upon the ashes of the wicked. Jesus separates the goats from the sheep, both groups lived through the judgment and the 70<sup>th</sup> Week. Neither the goats nor the sheep knew Christ. The sheep however received eternal life under the sixth seal which is a judgement seal. But by their works unto the righteous, Also and at

this time they must have received the understanding for the Word for who He is, Matthew 19:23. One cannot have eternal life without understanding the Word. The goat people had a different heart than the sheep people and damnation was their end. I take some liberty in associating the goat people with Matthew chapter seven when those people said they cast out devils in His name and preached in His name and they perished for He never knew them. These goats were Matthew 13:19. It just might be that these sheep people are the Father's elect out of denominational groups. It looks like in this prophecy these sheep on his right hand transitioned from knowledge by the wayside to knowledge with understanding, Matthews parable of the seed. **Mat 25:34** *Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Mat 25:46 ... the righteous into life eternal.*

My point is, the foolish virgins did know Him, for the scripture said they came to the door and the Son of Man is the door. So, when He said, I don't know you, it appears the Messiah said, I don't know you as my bride.

Let us read Paul in Thessalonians:

**1Th 5:4** But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

It appears to me the foolish virgins were not overtaken in that day, as being surprised by a thief. No, they were not surprised as they went out to meet the bridegroom. But the righteous sheep of Matthew 25:34 were surprised and missed that day Paul speaks of. The foolish chose not to seek for themselves that oil which they needed to become a member of the bride. They were put to sleep by their ministers who told them, someday a great revelation is coming and it isn't too far in the future. So they sat and did nothing believing they were wise for waiting for the true Word to come through their ministers. They didn't want to be fooled as they believed the wise were foolish for believing something other than what came from what they considered the five fold ministry. The ministers were wolves in sheep clothing. The foolish thought, I have known them for forty years, we went to the same church. Believed the same preachers of the last fifty years.

Let's stop and think of what we are learning in this study; The foolish virgins are waiting just like they are told to do, for that final great revelation. Then they hear the voice of the seven thunders and don't have the oil to understand it. This is the time they are aware they were lied too: but too late. Why you ask is the punishment so harsh for the foolish, as they miss the catching away? It is because they listened to another voice in place of the voice of the bridegroom. They allow themselves to be trapped in a wayside message. What once was the message of the hour is now the message of the former generation. The

wise realize, you can't look in a rearview mirror and see where you are going. Philippians 3:12-15

But after the midnight cry the foolish virgins receive the understanding that they lack, that final oil for their preparation. If not for the Holy Spirit how can they receive this spiritual truth? Then they receive from the Holy Spirit the same understanding/oil the wise virgins received and return to the door of YAHSHUA. They simply miss the time appointed to become a member of the bride. **2Co 6:2** For he saith, **I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**

So going into the 70<sup>th</sup> Week the virgins remain virgins and they became wise because they were sealed by the same Word as the wise virgins, they will understand the seven thunders prophecy (one prophecy spoke by seven individuals). They didn't go out to buy and come back to the Savior empty. If they were empty they would have no light for returning to the door.

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