

Questions About What It Means to “Buy” from Jesus

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 eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Revelation 3:18 KJV

(How do we "buy" gold tried in the fire, white raiment, and eye slave from the Lord Jesus?)

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

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.

Matthew 25: 8-9 KJV

(How do we buy oil for our lamps?)

Answer:

Beautiful question — and profoundly spiritual.

You're linking *Revelation 3:18* (Jesus' counsel to Laodicea) with *Matthew 25:8-9* (the parable of the ten virgins) — and that connection is exactly right.

Both passages use **the language of “buying”** to describe a **personal, relational transaction with Christ** — not a financial one, but a **heart exchange** where we surrender self and receive His life.

Let's unfold this step by step.

1. “Buy of Me” — The Meaning of the Invitation

In both Revelation 3 and Matthew 25, “buy” means *to obtain through personal surrender and faith*.

It’s not a commercial exchange but a **covenant exchange** — our emptiness for His fullness, our self-dependence for His grace.

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! ...without money and without price.”— Isaiah 55:1

That passage (which Jesus is echoing) shows that what we “buy” from God costs **no money** but **everything of self** — humility, repentance, trust.

2. The Three Things Christ Offers (Revelation 3:18)

Symbol	Meaning	How We “Buy” It
Gold tried in the fire	Faith and love purified through trial. Peter wrote, “The trial of your faith... more precious than gold that perishes” (1 Peter 1:7). True riches are faith that endures testing and love that is refined by obedience.	We “buy” it by letting Christ purify our hearts through repentance, surrender, and perseverance in hardship. Every trial we meet with faith deepens this gold.
White raiment	The righteousness of Christ covering our sin. (Revelation 19:8, Isaiah 61:10)	We “buy” it by exchanging our self-righteousness for His grace — confessing sin, accepting His forgiveness, and daily “putting on Christ” (Romans 13:14).
Eye-salve	Spiritual discernment through the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:17-18)	We “buy” it by seeking the Spirit’s anointing in prayer and the Word — asking God to open our

		spiritual eyes to truth and self-deception.
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In short: “Buying” = *believing surrender that receives what Christ offers and yields what self clings to.*

3. The Oil in the Lamps (Matthew 25:1-13)

The oil represents the **Holy Spirit** and the **living experience of grace** in the heart. All ten virgins had lamps (Scripture, doctrine, profession of faith), but only the wise had oil — *a personal relationship with the Spirit that keeps faith burning.*

“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord. — Zechariah 4:6

So when the wise tell the foolish to “*go and buy,*” they’re saying: “Go to the only Source — Jesus — and seek the indwelling Spirit for yourself. It cannot be borrowed or transferred.”

We “buy oil” by:

- Spending time in prayer and Scripture until our hearts are filled, not just informed.
- Yielding our will to the Spirit’s guidance.
- Obeying what He reveals.

It’s a lifelong relationship, not a last-minute purchase.

4. The Cost of the Purchase

What does it cost?

Everything that keeps us independent from Christ — pride, self-sufficiency, and worldliness.

“Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” — Matthew 16:25

We give up self-trust; He gives us faith. We give up guilt; He gives us righteousness. We give up blindness; He gives us vision. That’s the divine transaction of grace.

5. Summary — The Spiritual Commerce of Heaven

Passage	Symbol	What It Represents	How We “Buy”
Revelation 3:18	Gold	Faith refined by love and trial	Yield to God in faith during testing
Revelation 3:18	White raiment	Christ’s righteousness	Repent, confess, receive His covering
Revelation 3:18	Eye-salve	Spiritual discernment	Seek the Holy Spirit’s anointing
Matthew 25:8-9	Oil	The Holy Spirit’s living presence	Cultivate daily communion with Christ

In Simple Terms

To “buy” from Jesus is to **exchange our insufficiency for His sufficiency**:

- Our pride for His humility,
- Our sin for His righteousness,
- Our blindness for His vision,
- Our emptiness for His Spirit.

It’s not a purchase of merit — it’s the **response of faith that costs us self** but fills us with grace.

“Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters...come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.” — Isaiah 55:1

“I counsel you to buy of Me gold tried in the fire...” — Revelation 3:18

The invitation is the same.

Christ is the Merchant, His cross the currency, His grace the gift.

What He asks us to spend is simply this: **ourselves**.