



# Be Ready

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The last days are here! The Holy Spirit spoke to my sister Sheree Jarman recently and said, **“this is not a rehearsal”**. A rehearsal is explained as a practice or trial performance of a play or other work for later public performance.

You must understand the urgency of the time. Do not be like the five foolish virgins who didn’t have enough oil for their lamp. When the bridegroom (Jesus Christ) arrived they were not ready.

## Matthew 25:1-13

### The Parable of the Ten Virgins

<sup>1</sup> At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup> “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

<sup>7</sup> “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

<sup>9</sup> “‘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.’

<sup>10</sup> “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.

<sup>11</sup> “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

<sup>12</sup> “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

<sup>13</sup> “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

In verse 10 we see it says the virgins who were READY went into the wedding banquet. They had prepared what was necessary in the waiting. The other 5 virgins who were not ready were out buying oil when the bridegroom arrived. When they tried to enter, verse 12 tells us the Lord said I don’t know you. This is deeply confronting to be told by Jesus ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ This is not something anyone of us wants to hear of the day of the wedding banquet, the marriage of the Lamb (Revelation 19).

The Holy Spirit showed me a harvest of wheat and tares and many angels standing ready to harvest the field. When we go to the Word of God, we see in Matthew 13:37-43 the meaning of this.

<sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

<sup>40</sup> "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is a wakeup call my sisters and brothers. Now is the time to search the Lord with all you heart and find out what you need to do to restore or strengthen your relationship with the bridegroom (Jesus Christ) so you will have enough oil in your lamp. For each of us this will look different. There may be people or places that we need to release, foundational truths we need to embrace or lies we need to demolish. There may be people we need to extend forgiveness to or humble ourselves in repentance before God for the misdeeds we have done. God will show you through prayer, studying His Word (the Bible) and communing with the Holy Spirit what needs to be added or let go of, so you are ready to greet the bridegroom on the day of His arrival.

The Word of God tells us when He comes, He will come like a thief in the night. May we all be like the wise virgins who had enough oil for their lamp, so they were not denied access as His beloved bride into the Kingdom of God.

## 1 Thessalonians 5

### The Day of the Lord

*(Zephaniah 1:7-18; Malachi 4:1-6; 2 Peter 3:8-13)*

1 Now about the times and seasons, brothers, we do not need to write to you. 2 For you are fully aware that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will come upon them suddenly, like labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers, are not in the darkness so that this day should overtake you like a thief. 5 For you are all sons of the light and sons of the day; we do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not sleep as the others do, but let us remain awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night; and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of our hope of salvation.

9 For God has not appointed us to suffer wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. 11 Therefore encourage and build one another up, just as you are already doing.

12But we ask you, brothers, to acknowledge those who work diligently among you, who preside over you in the Lord and give you instruction. 13In love, hold them in highest regard because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

14And we urge you, brothers, to admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, and be patient with everyone.

15Make sure that no one repays evil for evil. Always pursue what is good for one another and for all people.

16Rejoice at all times. 17Pray without ceasing. 18Give thanks in every circumstance, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19Do not extinguish the Spirit. 20Do not treat prophecies with contempt, 21but test all things. Hold fast to what is good. 22Abstain from every form of evil.

23Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. 25Brothers, pray for us as well. 26Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. 27I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. 28The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.



And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6