

28 Parables of Jesus

Are You Wise or Foolish?

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COL Chapter 29 - "To Meet the Bridegroom"

One day while Christ was teaching His disciples on the Mount of Olives. He sees a marriage procession that was soon to take place. At the time Christ it was tradition to have wedding in the evenings. Also it was tradition for the groom to go from his house to pick up his bride at her father's house. The bridal party was responsible to provide the light as bride, groom, and party went back to the groom's home during the dark.

What parable does Jesus give His disciples concerning his second coming in which the "bridegroom" will come and get his "bride"?

Matthew 25:1-13

- 1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
- 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
- 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
- 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
- 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
- 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.
- 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.
- 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
- 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Who do the "virgins" represent?

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Chaste = pure or clean. Undefined.

All ten virgins professed to be pure, clean, and undefiled by the world. They professed to be innocent of spiritual adultery against God.

James 4:4

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

What where the ten virgins in looking for?

The coming of the bridegroom

Spiritual speaking – the ten virgins not only claim purity from the corruption of “worldliness” but they ALL were looking the second coming of Jesus Christ. The virgins claimed to be God’s truth seekers. They professed ALL ten of God commandments.

Jesus is the bridegroom who is coming for a church without a spot or wrinkle. It is true that ALL who are a part of Jesus true church are ALL virgins, unspotted by worldliness and sin.

If the ten virgins claim purity from the corruption of the worldliness and they ALL are looking for the second coming of Jesus Christ, why does Jesus say five were wise and five were foolish?

In summary of the parable the five were wise because they were fully prepared for the coming of the bridegroom despite the delay by bringing enough oil. Five were foolish because they were NOT prepared and did not bring enough oil.

In the Bible who does the oil spiritually represent? The Holy Spirit

Like the oil the Holy Spirit provides the fuel to keep the light of God’s TRUTH to continue to burn as a light to the world!

The light is the Word of God.

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

When did the bridegroom come? At midnight

Midnight is the darkness part of the night. Jesus will come at the “darkness” part of the night to a world ruin by sin and rebellion. He will come at the end of the seven last plagues, a time of trouble since there was a nation.

The FIVE FOOLISH in the end did not have the oil, the Holy Spirit to keep the light of truth burning at midnight. NO MORE OIL. The FIVE FOOLISH FAILED to make the proper preparation for the coming of the bride groom. They were lost!

Question: are you Wise or Foolish? This is all determine by your preparation NOW.

From the outward appearance ALL ten of the virgins look the “looked” the same. They did not look worldly. Dressed modestly. No jewelry or makeup. But in the end five were wise and five were foolish. Listen - It is good to love the truth, know the truth, claim the truth, and look forward for the second coming of Jesus, but will you have enough OIL at the end of the journey?

Wise or Foolish?

Wise (Greek-phronimos [fron'-ee-mos]: Thoughtful, intelligent, discernment, and good judgment.

Foolish (Greek -mōros [mo-ros']): dull or stupid, that is, heedless, blockhead. English “moron”

Where does true wisdom come from and what ALWAYS comes with wisdom?

Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

What did king Solomon ask for and what did God give him?

1 Kings 3:9-14

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, **I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart**; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

The wise virgin have wisdom for God that is come with knowledge and understanding.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

How do the wise continue to grow in the wisdom of God's truth?

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The wise grow daily in the Word of God for more knowledge and understanding of God's TRUTH.

Why?

Ephesians 4:14-15

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

The wise do the commandments of God

Deu 4:1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

Deu 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deu 4:4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God are alive every one of you this day.

Deu 4:6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the

nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

Applying the law of the Lord make the foolish wise!

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Law and Testimony applied = from foolish to wise!

Why were the five wise virgins wise? This must be your own experience

Psa 107:43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

Ecc_8:5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

Pro_1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

Pro_24:5 A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

Pro_16:23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

Pro_11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. = soul winner!

Pro_15:31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

Pro_16:21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

Wise Vs. Foolish Virgins [Why were the foolish virgins foolish?]

Pro_10:8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

Pro_10:14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

Pro_14:16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

Pro_15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

Pro_12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

THE OIL! - Pro_21:20 There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

Why does Jesus use the number “five” wise and “five” foolish? Why five?

Ecc_10:2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.

Five fingers on each hand!

The right hand is normally the strong and dominate hand compared to the left. The left hand is functional but weak compared to the right hand

The wise are the “right” hand of God... “Right hand man” meaning active and dependable.

At the end of time Jesus will separate the wise and the foolish, the wise depicted as the sheep and the foolish depicted as goats. Notice which side each one are on. (Just a few text from the parable of the virgins)

Matthew 25:31-46

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

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:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

The wise are the lamb on the right hand of God. The foolish are the goats on the left hand of God.

Are you wise or foolish?

The wise prepare now for the crisis. The foolish do not.

“The class represented by the foolish virgins are not hypocrites. They have a regard for the truth, they have advocated the truth, they are attracted to those who believe the truth; but they have not yielded themselves to the Holy Spirit's working. They have not fallen upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, and permitted their old nature to be broken up. This class are represented also by the stony-ground hearers. They receive the word with readiness, but they fail of assimilating its principles. Its influence is not abiding. The Spirit works upon man's heart, according to his desire and consent implanting in him a new nature; but the class represented by the foolish virgins have been content with a superficial work. They do not know God. They have not studied His character; they have not held communion with Him; therefore they do not know how to trust, how to look and live. Their service to God degenerates into a form. "They come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as My people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them; for with their mouth they show

much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness." Ezekiel 33:31. COL 411

Are you ready for the upcoming major crisis?

It is in a crisis that character is revealed. It reveals your foundation. It reveals if you have been building on the ROCK or SAND.

Matthew 7:24-27

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

REPENT - It is in a crisis that character is revealed.

Are you ready for the upcoming major crisis?

There a major storm that will soon coming from Washington, D.C.

Revelation 13:11-12

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

It is said that Steve Bannon, Trump's Chief Strategist is the second most powerful man behind the president of the United States. Jesuit-trained from Georgetown.

Will Bannon being used by the Dragon to create a storm and chaos in America and fulfill Bible prophecy?

Steve Bannon Believes The Apocalypse Is Coming And War Is Inevitable

Trump's top adviser thinks we're in "the great Fourth Turning in American history."

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In Bannon's view, we are in the midst of an existential war, and everything is a part of that conflict. Treaties must be torn up, enemies named, culture changed. Global conflagration, should it occur, would only prove the theory correct. For Bannon, the Fourth Turning has arrived. The Grey Champion, a messianic strongman figure, may have already emerged. The apocalypse is now.

"What we are witnessing," Bannon told [The Washington Post](#) last month, "is the birth of a new political order." The "Judeo-Christian West is collapsing," he went on. "It's imploding. And it's imploding on our watch. And the blowback of that is going to be tremendous."

War is coming, Bannon has warned. In fact, it's already here.

To confront this threat, Bannon argued, the Judeo-Christian West must fight back,

"We're gonna have to have some dark days before we get to the blue sky of morning again in America," Bannon

warned in 2010. “We are going to have to take some massive pain. Anybody who thinks we don’t have to take pain is, I believe, fooling you.”

“This movement,” he said in November, “is in the top of the first inning.”

Bannon says he’s a Leninist: that could explain the White House’s new tactics

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Trump’s top political adviser says he wants to destroy the state, like the Bolshevik leader, and some of his ideas certainly echo the Russian revolutionary

Stephen Bannon, President Trump’s chief political strategist and, after Trump, [the most powerful man in Washington](#), once declared proudly: [“I am a Leninist.”](#) He was talking to a New York university academic who had written extensively on communism and the former Soviet Union. “What on earth do you mean?” the professor asked him. “Lenin wanted to destroy the state and that’s my goal too,” replied Bannon. “I want to bring everything crashing down and destroy all of today’s establishment.”

Two days after Lenin seized power in Russia almost exactly a century ago, he began an assault on the press – and his successors in the USSR did not let up for the next 70 years. In the few months between the overthrow of the tsar and Lenin taking power, a relatively free press had sprung up, almost all of it vigorously opposed to Lenin, who was written off as a dangerous demagogue. When his Bolshevik party mounted a successful coup and Lenin made himself, in effect, dictator of Russia, one of his first acts was to censor the press, which he called “a weapon no less dangerous than bombs or guns aimed at us ... Why should we place it in our enemies’ hands?”

Three days after Donald Trump’s inauguration Bannon told the New York Times: “The media should be embarrassed and humiliated and [keep its mouth shut](#) and just listen ... I want you to quote this. The media here is the opposition party. They do not understand this country.”

Reminder: First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

A Great Storm is coming will you be wise or foolish... NOW is preparation time!