

Matthew 25:1-4

Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Church, Christian, USA. God has given us a wakeup call. Stop hitting the snooze button.

I was praying the other morning and the Lord gave me that, After He did, I thought of today's verses referring to the ten virgins waiting for the Bridegroom to show up. And it talks about how five of them were wise and had oil in their lamps so that they would be prepared when the Bridegroom would show up, and the other five had no oil, because they kept putting off getting oil for their lamps. Possibly because they thought that they had plenty of time to get their oil, so they kept putting it off.

I see that as the Church, Christians and the USA right now, whereas we are all hanging out together and some are ready for Jesus' return for His Bride, the Church, which we call the rapture of the Church. And others are living on both sides of the fence by going to church and even to church functions, yet have no real relationship with the Lord and they try to live both lifestyles of the world and a Christian. Then there are some who are on the fence and have not made a decision yet, and they think they have plenty of time, and have been thinking that for how many months or years? Even Paul said to the Corinthians:

† **1 Corinthians 7:29-31** *But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away.*

“*the time is short*” and “*the form of this world is passing away.*” And we know this by the things that are happening on this earth as the scriptures said that they would be like in the last days:

† **Jude 1:17-19 (MSG)** *But remember, dear friends, that the apostles of our Master, Jesus Christ, told us this would happen: "In the last days there will be people who don't take these things seriously anymore. They'll treat them like a joke, and make a religion of their own whims and lusts." These are the ones who split churches, thinking only of themselves. There's nothing to them, no sign of the Spirit!*

† **2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT2)** *You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They*

will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

We read these things and see them happening right before our eyes. Now I am not into politics, but look at how corrupt our leadership is today here in the USA, wanting abortion to be legal, wanting to support same sex marriages, wanting our kids to learn about sex and have created multiple sexes, when God created only two, Man and Woman. And on and on. God has given the USA a wakeup call, think 9-11, Covid, increase in murders and killings, etc... Yet we try to fix it rather than repent and return to God as a Nation.

Churches have gotten so into itself and entertaining the masses that it has given the word of God a backseat to everything else instead of making it first and most important. The results is churches being packed with those who love the entertainment, yet have no form of godliness, and they are weak, bottle-fed Christians who brag on the church they go to and even the pastor, and they give Jesus a backseat, only calling upon Him during time of need or to be entertained with funny stories

† **1 Corinthians 3:2-4** *I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?*

† **2 Timothy 3:5** *having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

Yet God keeps warning us, and how many do not heed that warning and they keep hitting the snooze button, thinking "I have time, I'll do it tomorrow." Well, today is yesterday's tomorrow, so tomorrow is here. So get up and do the first works, return to your first love and fight the good fight instead of sleeping in, But if you don't, you will die in your bed while you hit the snooze button for the last time.

† **Revelation 2:5** *Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.*

† **Ezra 8:21** *Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from Him the right way for us and our little ones and all our possessions.*