

Monday 5/26**Related Verses****Matt. 25:1-4**

1 At that time the kingdom of the heavens will be likened to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were foolish and five were prudent.

3 For the foolish, when they took their lamps, did not take oil with them;

4 But the prudent took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Prov. 20:27

27 The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, Searching all the innermost parts of the inner being.

Rom. 8:9, 16

9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.

16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

Phil. 2:15-16

15 That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world,

16 Holding forth the word of life, so that I may have a boast in the day of Christ that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain.

2 Cor. 11:2

2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

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Virgins signify believers viewed from the aspect of life (2 Cor. 11:2). Believers, who are the kingdom people, are like chaste virgins. As virgins, they bear the Lord's testimony (the lamp) in the dark age and are going out of the world to meet the Lord. For this they need not only the indwelling but also the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Being a virgin is not a matter of work, service, or activity but a matter of life. Moreover, we are not only virgins but chaste, pure virgins. Being a virgin is not a matter of what we do or are able to do; it is absolutely a matter of what we are...Although I am an old man, I conduct myself like a virgin. I would never sell my status as a virgin. Even before the enemy, I am a virgin. (*Life-study of Matthew*, p. 712)

[In Matthew 25:1] lamps signify the spirit of the believers (Prov. 20:27), which contains the Spirit of God as the oil (Rom. 8:16). The believers shine forth the light of the Spirit of God from within their spirit. Thus, they become the light of the world and shine as a lamp in the darkness of this age (Matt. 5:14-16; Phil. 2:15-16), bearing the testimony of the Lord for the glorification of God. Thus, as virgins, we do not take weapons for fighting or sports equipment for playing but lamps for testifying, shining, and enlightening.

Verse 2 of Matthew 25 says, "Five of them were foolish and five were prudent." Five is composed of four plus one, signifying that man (signified by four) with God (signified by one) added to him bears responsibility...All believers bear the responsibility of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

The foolish ones were foolish because they had oil only in the lamp but not the extra portion of oil in the vessel. In addition to the regenerating Spirit, they did not have the infilling Spirit, the extra portion of the Holy Spirit.

Man is a vessel made for God (Rom. 9:21, 23-24), and man's personality is in his soul. Hence, *vessels* [in Matthew 25:4] signifies the souls of the believers. The five prudent virgins not only have oil in their lamps but also take oil in their vessels. That they have oil in their lamps signifies that they have the Spirit of God dwelling in their spirit (Rom. 8:9, 16), and that they take oil in their vessels signifies that they have the Spirit of God filling and saturating their souls.

We need to be very clear about the lamps and the vessels...Within the lamp is the oil, the Holy Spirit. The New Testament reveals that our spirit is the place that the Holy Spirit indwells. According to Romans 9, we are

vessels made by God. Our being, our personality, is in our soul. Therefore, the vessel in Matthew 25:4 signifies our soul. Through regeneration we have the Holy Spirit in our spirit. This causes our lamp to burn. But the question is whether or not we have the extra portion of the Holy Spirit filling our soul. Although we have the oil in our lamp, we need the extra portion of the oil in our soul. This signifies that the Spirit must spread from within our spirit to every part of our soul. Then in our soul we will have an extra amount of the Holy Spirit. If we have this extra portion, we are prudent. If we do not have it, we are foolish. In other words, if we are indifferent to the infilling of the Holy Spirit, we are foolish. If we are wise, we will pray, "Lord, have mercy on me. I want to have Your Spirit not only in my spirit but also in my soul. Lord, I need the infilling of the Spirit. I need the extra portion of the Holy Spirit to fill my entire being."...In order to be watchful and ready, we need the infilling of the Holy Spirit, the spreading of the Spirit Himself from our spirit to every part of our inward being. (*Life-study of Matthew*, pp. 712-715)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Matthew*, msgs. 63—64

Tuesday 5/27**Related Verses****Eph. 5:17-19**

17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit,

19 Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming with your heart to the Lord,

Matt. 25:9

9 But the prudent answered, saying, Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.

Rev. 3:18

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

Zech. 4:6

6 And he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts.

Col. 3:16

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

2 Tim. 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
 17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

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Matthew 25:9 says, “The prudent answered, saying, Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.”...We may borrow many things, but we cannot borrow the infilling of the Holy Spirit. This is like eating. No one can eat for you.

Having the filling of the Holy Spirit is obtained at a cost, such as giving up the world, dealing with the self, loving the Lord above all, and counting all things loss for Christ. If we do not pay this price today, we will have to pay it after we are resurrected. Those who do not pay the price do not have the extra portion of the Holy Spirit. Eventually, the foolish virgins will realize that they need to love the Lord with all their heart and soul. They will see that they need to give up the world and deal with the self. (*Life-study of Matthew*, pp. 716-717)

We have the Holy Spirit in our regenerated spirit, but there is a question as to whether or not we have an extra portion of the Holy Spirit in our soul, saturating our being. The problem was not with the lamps of the virgins. Even the lamps of the five foolish virgins were burning. The fact that their lamps were “going out” (Matt. 25:8) proves that their lamps were lighted, having oil in them, but not having an adequate supply. They did not have the extra portion of the oil in their vessels.

By reading the context of Matthew 25:1-13, we can see that to be watchful is to be filled with the Holy Spirit. If we are not being filled all day long, we are not being watchful. This is serious...As saved believers, we should be people who are watching all the time by being filled with the Spirit. Every day our lamp is burning, and every day our soul, our being, is filled with the extra portion of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit is the saturating Spirit, which we need to allow to saturate our entire being from within our spirit to reach and even to penetrate our soul. Then we are surely watchful persons, getting ourselves ready for His coming back. We Christians have two kinds of statuses before the Lord—we are virgins in life, and we are slaves for our service to the Lord. We must be watchful in life and faithful in service to be ready at our Lord’s return.

If we do mean business with the Lord’s present-day move, we must be filled with the Spirit every morning of every day. We need to confess our sins, but we also need to pay the price. The Spirit who came into our spirit was given freely, but the saturating Spirit to fill our entire being, especially our soul, is not free. It is something that we have to pay the price for, that we have to buy. When we as sinners repented and confessed our sins and believed in the Lord Jesus, we immediately got regenerated, and the Spirit was given to us freely. But daily we need His filling, His saturating, from our spirit to penetrate our soul. We need to pay the price...Many of us love our beds more than the Lord. In our daily life we may love a lot of things. Even though these things may not be sinful, they are replacements of the Lord. We may not give our first love to Him but to many other things. Now we have to drop all these other things, which means that we have to pay the price to get ourselves ready.

Has your being been saturated with the Spirit?...Are you living? Are you being filled? Are you watching all day? Are you praying? Are you getting into His Word every day and remaining in fellowship with Him? You may say that you are tired and that you do not have the time, but you may have a lot of time to make phone calls and to gossip. Why would you not spend ten minutes for prayer? You may talk on the telephone for over an hour and yet not have five minutes for prayer. (*CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, “The Way to Practice the Lord’s Present Move,” pp. 501, 503, 505)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, “The Way to Practice the Lord’s Present Move,” ch. 7

Wednesday 5/28**Related Verses****Eph. 4:30**

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption.

1 Thes. 5:16-19

16 Always rejoice,

17 Unceasingly pray,

18 In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

19 Do not quench the Spirit;

Col. 4:2

2 Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving,

Psa. 133:1-3

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell in unity!

2 It is like the fine oil upon the head That ran down upon the beard, Upon Aaron's beard, That ran down upon the hem of his garments;

3 Like the dew of Hermon That came down upon the mountains of Zion. For there Jehovah commanded the blessing: Life forever.

1 Thes. 5:25

25 Brothers, pray also for us.

Eph. 6:18

18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

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Every day in the morning you must go to the Lord, saying, “Lord, thank You that I am here. Fill me up. Saturate me. Soak me. I want to be soaked in You and with You.”...It is not too much to have this kind of prayer three times a day...The more we pray this way, the better. People may teach you that you should not eat so much, but no one has ever taught you not to breathe too much. Your breathing should not be reduced. Rather, you had better exercise to have more breathing and to breathe

deeply. To pray in this way is to gain the oil in your vessel. (*CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, “The Way to Practice the Lord’s Present Move,” p. 510)

Ephesians 4:30 tells us not to grieve the Holy Spirit [who]...is in us. We must make Him happy. Because He has really joined us with Him as one (1 Cor. 6:17), when we are unhappy, this indicates that He is unhappy. If you do not come to the meeting, or if you come and do not function, this makes the Spirit unhappy. At the end of the day you may not feel so good, but when you come to the meeting and function in it, you feel so happy. This means that the Holy Spirit is happy within you. If you do not feel happy, this is an indication that you have grieved Him. Why have you grieved Him? Because you did not buy Him. You did not pay the price for Him. He is the oil.

Sometimes we even go further not only to grieve Him but also to quench Him [1 Thes. 5:19]. Sometimes we may tell the Lord to tolerate us for a certain time and not to inspire us. We may know that the Spirit is moving within us, but we may not like it. To quench the Spirit is to reject the buying of the oil. In many things we do not buy the Spirit, so we miss the chance to accumulate more and more of the Spirit in our being.

Nearly the last charge in the entire New Testament is to walk according to the spirit (Rom. 8:4), which is our human spirit mingled with God’s Holy Spirit (cf. v. 16), our mingled spirit. *To walk* means “to live, to act, to behave, to do things, to have our being.” We have to have our being according to the spirit, and this is to buy the Spirit. Our thinking and our speaking, the expression of our attitude, should be according to the spirit. If you are having your being according to the spirit, this is to buy the Spirit. But to walk, to have your being according to the spirit, needs you to pay a great price. You may need to stop your excessive talking on the telephone and stop your further reading of the newspaper from the first page to the next.

My burden is to fellowship with you that you may rise up to live a life of always buying an extra portion of the oil by not wasting your time in doing anything. If you do something, and you feel that it is a waste of time, you had better stop doing it. Use that time to contact the

Lord, to pray. This is to watch unto prayer. To be watchful is not to let your time go, not to waste your time, but to take every time as a chance to buy the oil. To buy the oil is the best way to redeem our time, for the days are short.

All of us need to live such a life of buying the oil daily, even hourly. We need to buy the oil in the way we dress, shop, talk, and live. In everything we must be serious and consider the solemn parable given by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 25:1-13. Whether or not we will be raptured early to enter into the wedding feast depends upon our daily buying of the Spirit from this moment. This is a lifelong matter, not an overnight matter...The one thing that the Lord needs and that we need is to rise up to pay the price to buy the oil all the time in all the matters in our daily life. (*CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, “The Way to Practice the Lord’s Present Move,” pp. 530-533)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, “The Way to Practice the Lord’s Present Move,” ch. 8

Thursday 5/29

Related Verses

Matt. 25:14-15

14 For the kingdom of the heavens is just like a man about to go abroad, who called his own slaves and delivered to them his possessions.

15 To one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability. And he went abroad.

Rom. 12:6-8

6 And having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or service, let us be faithful in that service; or he who teaches, in that teaching;

8 Or he who exhorts, in that exhortation; he who gives, in simplicity; he who leads, in diligence; he who shows mercy, in cheerfulness.

1 Cor. 12:4

4 But there are distinctions of gifts, but the same Spirit;

1 Pet. 4:10

10 Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

1 Tim. 4:14a

14a Do not neglect the gift which is in you,

2 Tim. 1:6a

6a For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,

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This parable of the talents [Matt. 25:14-30], like the parable of the ten virgins, concerns the kingdom of the heavens. The man here signifies Christ, who was about to go abroad, that is, into the heavens...Verse 14 says that this man delivered his possessions to his slaves. The slaves signify believers viewed from the aspect of service (1 Cor. 7:22-23; 2 Pet. 1:1; James 1:1; Rom. 1:1)...The believers’ status in their relationship toward Christ is of two aspects: in life they are the virgins living for Him; in service, in work, they are His purchased slaves serving Him.

I believe that the possessions delivered to the slaves include the gospel, the truth, the believers, and the church. The believers are God’s inheritance, God’s possession (Eph. 1:18). Matthew 24:45 indicates that the believers are also His household. (*Life-study of Matthew*, pp. 721-722)

In the parable of the virgins, oil signifies the Spirit of God, whereas in this parable, talents signify spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:4; 1 Pet. 4:10; 2 Tim. 1:6)...The filling of the Spirit in life enables us to use the spiritual gift in service, and the spiritual gift in service matches the filling of the Spirit in life, that we may be a perfect member of Christ.

The believers...have a dual status. The first aspect of this dual status is related to life, and the second aspect is related to service. No Christian should neglect these two aspects; rather, we must pay the proper attention to both, becoming proper in life and in service. Regarding life, we are virgins; regarding service, we are slaves. This means that in watchfulness we are virgins. This relates to

what we are. But in faithfulness we are slaves. This relates to what we do.

Although we may like the term *virgins*, we may not like hearing that we are slaves. Nevertheless, we are not only virgins but also slaves. To the virgins the Lord is the Bridegroom, but to the slaves He is the Master. Thus, not only we have a dual status, but the Lord also has a dual status. On the one hand, He is our pleasant Bridegroom and, on the other, our strict Master. Sometimes He is very pleasant with us, but at other times He deals with us in a strict way.

The virgins need something inward—the inward filling of the oil in the vessel. The slaves, however, need something outward—the spiritual talent. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is inward, but the talent, the spiritual gift, is outward. As vessels we need the oil inwardly, and as slaves we need the talents outwardly.

The oil that fills the vessel reaches the very bottom of the vessel. It is from within that the renewing of our being takes place, and it is from within that transformation transpires.

The fact that we need to be renewed from within does not mean that we do not need outward activities. The one who received five talents traded with them diligently and gained another five talents. This indicates that we need both the inward renewing and the outward service, the inward growth and the outward actions. We need to be deeply impressed with this principle. Regarding the aspect of life, we need to be renewed from within, and regarding the aspect of service, we need to be very active outwardly. Sometimes we may be so active outwardly that we neglect the inward renewing. But at other times we may care so much for the inner life that we do not work adequately. To be like this is to be an unturned cake (Hosea 7:8). On one side we are burned to charcoal, and on the other side we are raw. Neither side is good for eating. We need to be a turned cake. If we work too much, the Lord will tell us to rest. But if we rest too much, the Lord will tell us to work. (*Life-study of Matthew*, pp. 722, 720-721)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Matthew*, msgs. 65—66

Friday 5/30

Related Verses

Matt. 24:45

45 Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time?

1 Cor. 14:31

31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

1 Cor. 14:1, 3

1 Pursue love, and desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

3 But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.

John 21:17

17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

1 Cor. 13:3-5, 8

3 And if I dole out all my possessions to feed others, and if I deliver up my body that I may boast, but do not have love, I profit nothing.

4 Love suffers long. Love is kind; it is not jealous. Love does not brag and is not puffed up;

5 It does not behave unbecomingly and does not seek its own things; it is not provoked and does not take account of evil;

8 Love never falls away. But whether prophecies, they will be rendered useless; or tongues, they will cease; or knowledge, it will be rendered useless.

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In what way should we be faithful in the service?...In Matthew 24:45-51...the Lord commissioned us to take care of His household. His household refers to the believers (Eph. 2:19), who are the church (1 Tim. 3:15). The church today is the Lord's house and also the Lord's household, what we refer to as the folks...The Lord charged us, commissioned us, to minister something to His household, that is, to the believers in the church.

According to Matthew 24:45, what we minister is food...At the proper time we have to minister food, the life supply, to the Lord's people. Do not say that others have a gift of teaching to teach you the Word of God and minister spiritual food to you but that you do not have such a gift...All of the Lord's servants received the gift for their commission. (*CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, "The Way to Practice the Lord's Present Move," pp. 514-515)

The Lord, before going to the heavens, delivered to us His church with all the believers...He gave us two categories of things: one is His possessions, the other is the talents. Today we have the church with all the believers as the possession, the portion to us, to which we can give something, and we have the talents as the spiritual gifts. You cannot say that you are not gifted. Actually, you are much gifted. For this reason I have always encouraged you to function. Some may consider this merely to be my practice. They may say that in all of Christianity they only saw the practice of good preachers speaking to a crowd. They never saw a meeting with so many standing up to speak. Some have even called this a "popcorn" meeting. One after another stands up like popcorn popping...This is altogether what we expect to have. This is not my teaching; this is the Bible's teaching (1 Cor. 14:24, 26, 29-32). We all have to learn to function... Do not just be stuck to your chair...You have to jump up to say something. For you to speak is to minister food to the Lord's household at the proper time.

Whoever serves food knows the proper time. If you are serving food every day, you have to make breakfast, lunch, and dinner. To buy a cup of coffee and a doughnut for breakfast is the lazy way. If we are like this in the spiritual realm, we will be poor slaves to minister the life supply to the master's folks at the proper time. The proper time in the morning is breakfast. Also, good wives prepare the best sandwiches for their husbands to bring to the office for lunch at the proper time and are accustomed to preparing a big dinner for their family.

Whenever we meet together, this is one of the proper times, the appointed times, for you to minister the proper food to the Lord's folks. Suppose, however, that I was sloppy, not reading the Word. If I did not labor adequately in the Word and came to speak to you, I

would just be ministering to you “a cup of coffee and some doughnuts.” To cook a nourishing, good breakfast requires your diligence. According to the context of this parable, the faithful one is the diligent one. Faithful here equals diligent, and slothful equals lazy. We must be diligent in seeking the Word so that we could prepare to serve good food when we come to the meeting. The eating time is the proper time, and the meeting time is the proper time. We have the proper time on the Lord’s Day morning, on the Lord’s Day evening, Tuesday evening, and Friday evening. The meeting times are the proper times when we all have to minister some portion of the life supply to our folks, to our fellow believers, to our possessions.

The Lord has given us the church as the object for us to serve, and He has also given us the ability, the skill, the gift, to care for our obligation. (*CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, “The Way to Practice the Lord’s Present Move,” pp. 515-516)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, “The Way to Practice the Lord’s Present Move,” chs. 8—9

Saturday 5/31

Related Verses

Matt. 24:48-49

48 But if that evil slave says in his heart, My master delays,

49 And begins to beat his fellow slaves and eats and drinks with the drunken,

Matt. 25:18-19

18 But he who had received the one went off and dug in the earth and hid his master's money.

19 Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

1 Cor. 15:10, 58

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Thes. 5:12-14

12 Furthermore we ask you, brothers, to acknowledge those who labor among you and take the lead among you in the Lord and admonish you,

13 And to regard them most highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

14 And we exhort you, brothers, Admonish the disorderly, console the fainthearted, sustain the weak, be long-suffering toward all.

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All of us should be those who are feeding the Lord’s people at the proper time (Matt. 24:45) and using the Lord’s talents in full (25:20, 22)...We should not be those beating our fellow slaves (24:49)...My only burden is to release messages. Although I have no intention of exposing anyone, many are exposed by the light in the messages I release. That is not my job but the Lord’s work...We must spend our time...to do a positive service for the Lord’s interest. (*CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, “The Way to Practice the Lord’s Present Move,” pp. 539-540)

Furthermore, we should not be one who “eats and drinks with the drunken” (Matt. 24:49). This is to drift away further, a further fall from beating the fellow slaves...The worldly people are drunk and even drugged with worldly things. They are stupefied with the present age. To eat and drink with them is to enjoy what they enjoy.

We should not eat and drink with the drunken, nor should we dig in the earth and hide the Lord’s talent (25:18). The earth signifies the world, so to dig in the earth signifies getting into the world. Any association, any involvement, with the world, even a little worldly talk, will bury the Lord’s gift to us.

The way to be faithful is to scatter the Lord’s word, which is food to every hungry one. The Lord’s household is composed not only of believers but also of sinners. Who will go to feed the hungry, sinful people? We all have to say, “Me!” We have to go...We must do everything that we can to spread the Word of God.

Many Christians are nearly void of the truth; they have the Word of God, but they do not care for it, nor do they realize how much is in it. In this age of apostasy the Lord, by His mercy, has opened up His Word to us. Many of the divine riches have been printed and published...Why do we not go out with these riches?...This is one of the ways to feed the Lord’s people.

The Lord has given talents to all His slaves...Everyone was required to trade, to do business, to make money for the Lord’s kingdom. In order to do this, we have to feed His people at the proper time. Every day is a proper time, a meal time...There is someone ready to eat everywhere, so we need to be those using the Lord’s talent in full. The five-talented slave made a profit of five talents, and the two-talented slave made a profit of two talents. This indicates that they used the Lord’s talent in full, without any loss or waste, so they both received the same reward.

Also, by His mercy and through His grace we must do the best not to beat the fellow slaves, the fellow believers. Do not criticize or murmur about them. Do not speak anything negative about them, because you do not have the time to do it. Your mouth was not made for criticizing but for speaking forth Christ. To criticize the brothers is to beat the fellow slaves. This will cause us to be punished. We should also not go into the world to enjoy ourselves with the stupefied, drugged, and worldly people. We have to be the sober ones. We should not dig into the earth to bury or hide our talent. We should have a job to maintain our living, but we should not dig into it. We are different from the worldly people. I encourage all my grandchildren to do their best to get the highest education, but I do not agree that any one of them would “dig into” their education just to become an expert. I also encouraged all the young people in the churches to get the highest education, but do not dig a hole that buries the talent the Lord gave you. We all need to be faithful in the Lord’s service. (*CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, “The Way to Practice the Lord’s Present Move,” pp. 540-541, 544-546)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1985, vol. 5, “The Way to Practice the Lord’s Present Move,” ch. 10

Lord's Day 6/1**Related Verses****1 Peter 4:7-11**

7 But the end of all things has drawn near. Therefore be sober-minded and be sober unto prayers.

8 Above all, have fervent love among yourselves, because love covers a multitude of sins.

9 Be hospitable to one another without murmuring,

10 Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

11 If anyone speaks, as speaking oracles of God; if anyone ministers, as ministering out of the strength which God supplies; that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom is the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

Psa. 133:1-3

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell in unity!

2 It is like the fine oil upon the head That ran down upon the beard, Upon Aaron's beard, That ran down upon the hem of his garments;

3 Like the dew of Hermon That came down upon the mountains of Zion. For there Jehovah commanded the blessing: Life forever.

Further Reading:

CWWL, 1985, vol. 5, "The Way to Practice the Lord's Present Move," chapter 10

Hymn: #1307

1 The day approaches; Jesus soon is coming.

Redeem the time; it must not slip away.

Lord, make us ready for the cry: "Behold Him!"

By using every moment of each day.

When Jesus comes, will we go in to meet Him?

When Jesus comes, will we from self have ceased?

He's coming soon to take the wise ones with Him.

Oh, let us not be left outside the feast.

2 Lord, help us to redeem these golden moments;

Our vessels fill with ointment from above;

Help us amen each trial and tribulation;

Increase in us; make us abound in love.

He's coming soon—these moments are so precious.

The oil is here—Oh, let us buy the more.

Amen the trials and welcome tribulations—

The kingdom's ours through these afflictions sore.

3 Lord, ever turn us from our soulish pleasures

To gaze upon Thy tender, loving face.

Oh, keep us running forth to meet the Bridegroom

And patiently attending to the race.

When Jesus comes, will we be in His presence?

When Jesus comes, will we His face behold?

Oh, let us not return to sloth and folly,

But jealously His loving presence hold.

4 As His dear Bride, let us go forth to meet Him,

Our lamps well-trimmed, our fires burning bright,

Our vessels filled, our eyes set on His glory,

To be with Him completely satisfied.

Yes, satisfied—Christ and His Bride together.

Yes, satisfied—throughout eternity.

Oh, what a rest, what joy, what love, what favor

To be His Bride when He comes to His feast!

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis**Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading**

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 15

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 31-32

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: Cain and Abel

Scripture: Gen. 4

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 22-23

Supplemental Reading: *The History of God in His Union with Man*, ch. 5; *The Vision of God's Building*, ch. 3;

Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 2, ch. 14; *Revelations in*

Genesis: Seeing God's Way of Salvation in Man's Fall,

ch. 5

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