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TRANSFORMATION – SEED, DEVELOPMENT AND HARVEST

Why is there the number ten rather than twelve in the parable of the virgins? This means that two are lacking. Ten indicates the majority of twelve. Therefore, the number ten signifies the majority of the people of God. To find the remaining two you must read the preceding chapter, Matthew 24:40-42. These verses mention two men working in the field or two women grinding at the mill. In Matthew 25 we have the number ten; in Matthew 24 we have the number two. The concluding word of these two portions is the same: "Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes" (24:42; 25:13). This word of warning was given both to the two and to the ten, indicating that they go together. When the Lord Jesus returns, the believers will be of two classes.. Because the two men or two women were working, they represent the believers who will be alive when the Lord returns. The ten, on the contrary, were all asleep indicating that the majority of the believers will have died by the time the Lord returns. Do not consider that only the five foolish virgins slept while the five wise virgins did not.

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Scripture Readings:

Mat 25:1-13 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. And five of them were foolish and five were prudent.
For the foolish, when they took their lamps, did not take oil with them; But the prudent took oil in their vessels with their lamps. And while the bridegroom delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.
But at midnight there was a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Go forth to meet him! Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their own lamps. And the foolish said to the prudent, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out. 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. And as they were going away to buy, the bridegroom came; and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast. And the door was shut. And later the rest of the virgins came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us! But he answered and said, Truly I say to you, I do not know you. Watch therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

Hymn (#1301)

1 Jesus the kingdom has come into us,
Reigning and shining He's all glorious,
Christ as the seed is the King who has come,
Into our spirit His kingdom He's sown.

O let Him grow, O let Him grow;
His kingdom life be all we know.
Jesus, the kingdom is sown into us;
Jesus, the kingdom, O how glorious!

2 We must repent for the kingdom's at hand;
All that we do, think, or feel, or have planned
Must be abandoned and changed in our mind;
Leave all the world and self-seeking behind.

3 All of religion has missed it again,
Teaching for doctrines the concepts of men;
They vainly wait for the kingdom to be.
A dispensation they're hoping to see.

4 But now the kingdom to us has been shown,
It is no less than our Jesus alone.
It is the Person of Christ in us all,
And it begins as a seed when we call.