

“WORD OF LIFE”

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47. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (27) – In the Parables of the New Testament

P - 22. The Bridegroom in the Parable of the Ten Virgins

Hymns: # 1160 / # 231 / # 33 / For the mountains may depart

✚ “So that what was spoken through the prophet [Psa. 78:2] might be fulfilled, saying,
‘I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world’.” (Matt 13:35)

[Parable – for Watchfulness]

- Matt. 25:1 - 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.
- Matt. 25:2–10 - five of them were foolish and five were prudent... 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...the bridegroom came; and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast.
- Matt. 25:13 - Watch therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

✚ “...He taught them many things in parables... (Mark 4:2)
“...Why do You speak in parables to them? (Mat 13:10)
“...And His disciples came to Him, saying, Make the parable ... clear to us. (Matt. 13:36)

❖ Christ is the Bridegroom as the most pleasant and attractive person (John 3:29; Matt. 9:15)

- We the believers are the virgins who are looking forward for His coming.
 - The prudent virgins are those who are bearing His testimony
 - as a shining lamp in their spirit (Prov. 20:27),
 - with an extra portion of the Spirit (the oil) saturating their being (the vessel—Rom. 9:23-24),
 - and going out of the world to meet Him.
- The bridegroom came and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast.
 - Watch therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

✚ “And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written,
“I believed, therefore I spoke,” we also believe, therefore we also speak,” (2Cor. 4:13)

- ✚ We should be ready to meet our Bridegroom, as the most pleasant Person by obtaining more of the saturating Spirit (buying the oil) at the cost of denying the self, renouncing the soulish life, and loving not the world.
- ✚ We should be the prudent virgins who have oil in their lamps (our spirit) and also who have oil in their vessels (soul). To have oil in our lamps signifies that we have the Spirit of God dwelling in our spirit (Rom. 8:9, 16), and taking oil in our vessels signifies that we have the Spirit of God filling and saturating our souls.
- ✚ We the kingdom people, are like chaste virgins. As virgins we bear the Lord’s testimony (the lamp) in the dark age and are going out of the world to meet the Lord. For this we need not only the indwelling but also the filling of the Holy Spirit.

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Hymn 1160
Experience of Christ –
Loving Him

1 Jesus is our lovely **Bridegroom**,
And our **Bridegroom** is with us!
Now our praying's
turned to **praising**
In His **Presence** glorious.

Chorus 1:

O our **Bridegroom**! O our **Bridegroom**!
Lord, Thou art
our **Bridegroom** sweet!
How we treasure Thy dear **presence**—
O what bliss and joy complete!

2 We are fellows of the **Bridegroom**
And our fasting days have ceased.
With the **Bridegroom** in His chamber,
Joyfully we keep the **feast**.

3 We as **virgins** may enjoy Him,
Virgins simple, single, chaste.
Going forth to meet the **Bridegroom**,
Out from all the world we haste.

4 We are guests by **God** invited
To His **Son's** great **wedding feast**.
Brothers, sisters, hallelujah,
From **religion** we're released!

5 Now **rejoice** with joy excelling,
Joy of joys, all else beside—
Not just fellows, guests, or **virgins**,
Hallelujah, we're the **Bride**!

Chorus 2:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Lord, Thou art
our **Bridegroom** sweet!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
O what bliss and **joy** complete!

Matt. 25:4 –

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

Mat 25:9 –

But the **prudent** answered, ...**go**
rather to those who sell, and **buy** (oil)
for yourselves.

2Cor. 11:2 –

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.

Hymn 231
Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

1 Amidst us our Beloved stands,
And bids us view His **pierced** hands;
Points to the **wounded** feet and side,
Blest **emblems** of the **Crucified**.

2 What food luxurious loads the board
When, at His **table**, sits the **Lord**!
The **wine** how rich,
the **bread** how sweet,
When **Jesus** deigns
the guests to meet!

3 If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the **signs**, but **see not Him**;
Oh, may His **love**
the scales displace,
And bid us **see Him face to face**!

4 Thou glorious **Bridegroom**
of our hearts,
Thy present smile
Thy **grace** imparts!
Oh, lift the veil, if veil there be,
Let every saint Thy **glory** see!

John 20:19 –

When therefore it was evening on
that day, the **first day** of the week,
and while the doors were shut where
the disciples were for fear of the
Jews, **Jesus came** and stood in the
midst and said to them,
Peace be to you.

John 20:26 –

And after **eight days**,
His disciples were again within, and
Thomas *was* with them. **Jesus came**,
though the doors were shut, and
stood in the midst and said,
Peace be to you.

John 20:27 –

Then He said to Thomas, Bring your
finger here and see My **hands**, and
bring your **hand** and put *it* into My
side; and do not be unbelieving, but
believing.

Hymn 40
Worship of the Father –
His Redemption

1 We praise Thee, O **God**,
For the **Son** of Thy **love**,
For our **Savior** who died and
Is now gone above.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Thine the **glory**,
Hallelujah! **Amen**;
Hallelujah! Thine the **glory**,
We praise Thee again.

2 We **praise** Thee, O **God**,
For Thy **Spirit** of **light**,
Who has shown us our **Savior**,
And scattered our night.

3 All **glory** and **praise**
To Thee, **Father** of **love**,
For through **Jesus' redemption**
Thy heart we may prove.

4 We **praise** Thee again;
We are filled with Thy **love**,
And each heart is rekindled
With fire from above.

For the mountains may depart

For the mountains may depart,
And the hills may shake.
But My **lovingkindness**
will not depart from you,
And My **covenant of peace**,
Will not shake, says **Jehovah**,
Who has **compassion**,
Compassion on you. [Isa. 54:10]

For your **Maker** is your **Husband**;
Jehovah of hosts's His **name**.
And the **Holy One** of Israel
Is your **Redeemer**; He is called
The **God** of all the earth. [Isa. 54:5]
This One is **Jesus**—
Our **Husband**, **Savior**, **God**!

Hos 2:16 –

And in that day, declares **Jehovah**,
You will call Me My **Husband**.

Rev 21:2 –

And I saw the holy city, **New**
Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared as a
bride adorned for her **husband**.