

## “Where Are We In Time – What Should We Be Doing?”

In Matthew 25 Yeshua is talking about the fire, the light, the presence of God within the ten bridesmaids, ten virgins.

Of these ten, five are **foolish** – “morons [*moros = dull, stupid morally, foolish*], and five are wise.

All of these [10] bridesmaids represent the bride, the body of Messiah waiting for the Grooms, Yeshua’s return.

This is the season that His appearing will occur, in the high Holy days, the fall Moedim, the fall feasts.

Matthew 25:3- 5. “The **foolish** ones took lamps with them **but no oil,**” (elaion {el'-ah-yon} which means oil to light lamps, oil to heal the sick, oil to anoint, and provisions, item of commerce that you buy).

V. 4 – “whereas the others [**wise**] took **flasks** (aggeion {ang-eye'-on}: a vessel, receptacle, a reservoir, something held within your bosom) of oil **with their lamps**.

Now the bridegroom was late, so they all went to **sleep.**”

**Sleep** = (katheudo {kath-yoo'-do}: **to be spiritually dead, to yield to sloth and sin, to be indifferent to salvation**)

### **This parable is about the Bride, servants of Adonai who have gone out to meet the Groom, Yeshua:**

- The wise ones were filled with the anointing, the Ruach, the fire, the presence of God-they chose to be prepared and ready for the Grooms return.
- Their reservoir, their vessels, their spirit, their heart is filled with God’s love, filled with the Ruach, with Holy Fire!
- Even though they slept, they’re prepared!
- Even though the Groom-Yeshua tarries, the Bride remains ready, keeping the presence of God within them!

### **Yeshua spoke to this regarding the end of days in:**

Luke 21:34-36. "But keep watch on yourselves, or your hearts will become dulled by carousing, drunkenness and the worries of everyday living and that Day will be sprung upon you suddenly like a trap! For it will close in on everyone, no matter where they live, throughout the whole world. **Stay alert** (agrupneo {ag-roop-neh'-o}: **sleepless, keep awake, watch, attentive, ready**) always praying that you will have the strength to escape all the things that will happen and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man."

Amp: “But be on guard, so that your hearts are not weighed down and depressed with the giddiness of debauchery and the nausea of self-indulgence and the worldly worries of life, and then that day [when the Messiah returns] will not come on you suddenly like a trap; for it will come upon all those who live on the face of all the earth. But **keep alert at all times** [be attentive and ready], praying that you may have the strength and ability [to be found worthy and] to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man [at His coming].”

Yeshua warns us to stay alert, to keep watch, to remain awake, be attentive and not become apathetic and complacent!

- Yom Kippur [which we just commemorated] highlights this!
- We must be like the five wise bridesmaids, as Gods vessels, His altar; our hearts must always be ready!
- The day of His return will spring upon us! We cannot become dulled or be unprepared as five did: SLEEPING: becoming spiritually dead, slothful, sinful, indifferent not just to salvation but to the Kingdom of God itself.

Matthew 25:6-10. It was the middle of the night when the cry rang out, “The bridegroom is here! Go out to meet him!”

- The virgins-[Brides to be] all woke up and prepared their lamps for lighting. The foolish ones said to the sensible ones, “Give us some of your oil (elaion {el'-ah-yon} which means oil to light lamps, oil to heal the sick, oil to anoint, and provisions, item of commerce that you buy), because our lamps are going out.”  
“No,’ they replied, “there may not be enough for both you and us. Go to the oil dealers and buy some for yourselves.”  
But as they were going off to buy (agorazo {ag-or-ad'-zo}: purchase, to redeem), the bridegroom came.  
Those who were ready went with him to the wedding feast, and the door (thura {thoo'-rah}; portal, gate, door, entrance, the door of the kingdom of heaven) was shut.

Five [foolish] were not ready for the Groom’s - Yeshua’s return:

- They were unprepared, without fire, without His Presence, they were not postured for His return; they were not in a relationship with Yeshua!
- They had no oil for light, healing, or anointing.
- Oil is symbolic of knowledge of God’s ways.
- Oil is also associated with the presence of God. You cannot purchase or buy the presence of God!
- **It’s a relationship that’s developed upon receiving Yeshua!**

The five who went off to seek, to find the presence of God [get right with God] missed the return of the bridegroom.

Those who were ready went to the wedding feast, the Sukkah celebration.

**It's too late to seek, search, and find after He returns!**

- This is why we're fasting and praying & searching our hearts at this season of time.
- To not become dull, to not fall asleep, to remain sharp, alert, and on watch!
- Ready to respond when we hear the heavenly blast of the shofar.

Matthew 25:11-13. Later, the other bridesmaids came.

"Sir! Sir! They cried, "Let us in!"

But He answered, "Indeed! I tell you, I don't know you!"

So **stay alert**, (gregoreuo {gray-gor-yoo'-o} which is to be awake, to be vigilant, to stay on track, keep watch, alert.) because you know neither the day nor the hour."

- We must remain alert, awake, vigilant, on track, pressing into the truth!
- The alternative is the door, portal, entrance to heaven is shut!
- Yeshua is the gatekeeper and His response to their plea is: "I DON'T KNOW YOU".
- Yeshua talked about this in HIS OWN WORDS.
- There is a grave misconception in the body of Messiah that the door, the portal, the gate, the entrance is wide open and everyone is going through it! That's not the case as Yeshua Himself states:

Matthew 7:21-23. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, **only those who do what my Father in heaven wants**.

On that Day, many will say to me, "Lord, Lord! Didn't we prophesy in your name? Didn't we expel demons in your name? Didn't we perform many miracles in your name?"

Then I will tell them to their faces, "**I never knew you.**"

- [Ginosko {ghin-occe'-ko}: to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of, Jewish idiom for sexual intercourse between a man and a woman]

V. 23- "Get away from me, you workers of **lawlessness**."

- **Lawless** = **Anomia** {an-om-ee'-ah}: Nomia means only one thing: Torah/Law of God. A before a word is **without** in Greek. **Anomia** is without Torah, ignorant of Torah, violating Torah, contempt and violation of Torah.

Without obedience to Gods' ways is without covenant.

**Yeshua is not intimate with us!**

**Picture this:** it's like a couple living together who aren't married!

They go through all the same actions of a married couple but they are not married so its sin!

**It's the same in our relationship with Yeshua!**

- To deny the covenant and proclaim we're married is denounced by Yeshua here.
- So many are doing things (ministry, services, religion) in His name yet won't enter in the Kingdom!
- The kingdom of Heaven is the essence of Yom Kippur, the day of determining whose name stays in the book!

All the Feasts/Moedim are divine appointments with our Creator designed to draw us closer to Him.

It's why we fast and deny ourselves, it's why we are **Baptized**, it's why we **Tithe** and do **First Fruits** offerings.

To draw closer in relationship with Him, to know Him versus hearing the words "I Don't Know You".

Let's go back to the start of Yeshua's parable in:

Matthew 25:5-6. "Now while the bridegroom was taking a long time, they all got drowsy and started falling asleep. At midnight, there was a **shout** -

**Shout** - *Krauge* {krow-gay'}: Shout, cry out, clamor, a shout of intense purpose.

**"Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"**

**Midnight isn't a coincidence!**

- There's something about this, the Angel of Death came through Egypt at midnight.
- Sampson awoke at midnight in captivity.
- It was midnight when Boaz noticed Ruth as at his feet.
- Job said in: Job 34:20. "In a moment they die, and at midnight people are shaken and pass away, and the mighty are taken away without a hand.

Yeshua referenced midnight in another parable:

**The midnight hour is one of Provision:**

Luke 11:5 "Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves;

## **Midnight is a time of the Supernatural:**

Acts 16:25-26 “Around midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, while the other prisoners listened attentively. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, which shook the prison to its foundations. All the doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose.”

## **The midnight hour is one of Revelation:**

Acts 27:27 “But when the fourteenth night came, as we were being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors began to surmise that they were approaching some land.”

At Midnight, you find out what's real!

Midnight is the darkest hour before the dawn!

Midnight represents a turning point from one epoch of time to another.

Midnight is when the world is shut off, our minds tend to be at their quietest, and Midnight is a focus point.

Adonai is concerned where our mind and hearts are at!

Are our lamps filled and prepared or not?

The Midnight hour is a time of testing; the darkest hour of a person's life reveals their true heart.

## **It's at the midnight hour when the shout occurs:**

“Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!”

- The most anticipated words in human history are described by Yeshua as a “Midnight cry”. Signaling His imminent return, the Jewish Bridegroom, Messiah is coming for His bride. Around the world, every nation, every tribe, every tongue, and most importantly Israel, all the bride awakens from the slumber and drowsiness, lights her lamps to join Yeshua at the Great Wedding Feast (Sukkot-beginning tonight under the Tent at 6:30 PM – bring your lawn chairs.).

## **The “The Midnight cry” is a prophetic message to us today.**

We live in the midnight hour of human history known, the end of days, and the darkest before the dawn.

The “Midnight Cry” parable has several profound points for us to ponder these fall feast days!

## **Jesus - Yeshua's parable conveys several key principles:**

1. The midnight shout reveals a crisis, a spiritually dark time.

The bridegroom was late, so they (the Bride) all went to sleep.

Not just the foolish, the entire bride has been infected.

At the Shout the breakthrough comes suddenly, there's no more delay.

We must continue to pray and fast beyond the ten days of awe and Yom Kippur, keeping a midnight watch to interject ourselves into history for the Glory of The Lord and prepare for the Midnight Cry!

2. There are watchman who are aware of what's going on!

The watchman shouts, cries out, announces the Grooms return, which awakens the Bride to rise up and enter through the door\portal.

There's a lot of spiritual distractions, opposition, and religious rhetoric yet many watchman are accurately sensing, perceiving the rapid movement, the quickening of the Ruach HaKodesh – Holy Spirit.

We must be aware of the times and know what to do about it.

It's the season to AWAKEN and behold the Bridegroom!

3. The Midnight Hour is an awakening.

In response to the cry, the shout, the bride **awakens** in Matthew 25:7:

**Awaken** is egeiro {eg-i'-ro} in the Greek, “to awaken, to rouse, to be startled, to be stirred up-both the Wise and the foolish!”

This midnight cry startles the bride awake.

Soon, very soon many will be startled by The Lord's supernatural work and intervention. As most of you already know because you're here, there is an awakening occurring and it's quit startling which is why your here!

4. The Midnight hour requires provision, an investment, preparation to get ready for the shout!

The wise virgins were prepared and had their containers of oil; they were aware of the times and were ready! We must obtain the oil of the Spirit and have the lamps ready.

**Our priorities must be in order.**

We know what season we're in and that Yeshua is soon coming –yet we allow other interests, distractions, and oppositions separate sheep from the flock, from the Kingdom and meeting with the saints.

**Its time to stop playing.**      SERVING THE LORD WHEN AND IF IT'S CONVENIENT:

People will come when it's convenient.

**When a person is sold out, there's no excuse.**

Yeshua won't accept **excuses** before the court of Judgment-

- Too much work, not enough time, I'm too busy.
- In the wedding parable of Matthew 22 Yeshua said the king issued invites to the wedding feast but the peoples reply in verse 5: But they weren't interested and went off, one to his farm, another to his business; We make time for what's important to us.

5. The Midnight hour is a time of open portals, open doors!

Yeshua is calling out to His true followers/disciples, those who are listening to His voice!

Its a time of transition, the bride exits the door of her current home to enter the door\portal to the wedding feast.

We are now in very a specific epoch of time, a Kairos moment, a season of open doors, open portals.

Exiting and entering is very, very important, it's time for movement, time for action. There is an urgency, it's time to rise up and get moving!

6. The Midnight Cry also comes with a stern warning.

Yeshua warns in Matthew 25:10 "That the door\portal to the wedding feast will shut, quickly!"

While the foolish are trying to figure it out and prepare themselves the door will shut, they didn't make it through the gate, they don't enter, they are shut out.

Yeshua is warning us, telling us to properly align ourselves with the Kingdom of God.

To live our lives accordingly, righteous, holy, and pure!

We must redeem time – MAKE IT COUNT FOR THE KINGDOM'S SAKE, not your own.

A supernatural portal or door is open, securing our eternity but this door doesn't remain open.

Its only open for certain, limited period, an opportunity that we must act upon within the lifetime of that opportunity.

**It's the time of the midnight cry; It's time to wake up the slumbering bride!**

**The question you must answer about your life today is:**

**WHICH TYPE OF BRIDE-VIRGIN ARE YOU?  
A WISE BRIDE WATCHING, WAITING, AND PREPARED  
OR  
A FOOLISH BRIDE WITHOUT THE OIL AND UNPREPARED?**

**TODAY IS THE DAY YOU NEED TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND  
AND MAKE A DECISION!**