

Wake Up! The Bridegroom Is Coming!

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A RECENT SURVEY showed that about half of Americans believe the Covid-19 pandemic is a wake-up call from God.

Being found asleep at Jesus' return is a prominent theme in Scripture.

In the Parable of the Virgins, half of the virgins—the “foolish” ones—awaken to find themselves unprepared at the bridegroom's sudden appearing. They scramble to get ready but it's too late, the bridegroom shows up to gather those who are prepared into the wedding and the door is shut behind them (Matt. 25:10).

The foolish virgins cry out to be let in, but the Lord replies: “I don't know you!” (vv. 11, 12).

The lesson of the parable is plain: to enter the wedding, symbolic of the joining of believers and Christ at the Rapture, one must be ready to meet the bridegroom, Jesus, before He appears.

What makes one ready to meet the bridegroom?

According to the parable, one must have oil in his lamp.

Oil is emblematic of the anointing presence of the Holy Spirit within the believer, which denotes an active relationship with the Lord. A full lamp, therefore, is symbolic of a spirit-filled person—one who is “alight with the flame of God's presence.”

Conversely, an empty lamp signifies the lack of a saving relationship with God.

So if you're feeling drowsy, like the virgins in the parable, make sure you have oil in your lamp, representing a true Holy-Spirit relationship with the Lord, before you lie down. That way when the midnight cry rings out, “Here comes the bridegroom!” you can rise and go immediately with Him into the wedding.

Assuming the pandemic is truly a Divine wake-up call, it's difficult to imagine a more resounding one.

The wedding must be near indeed.

Are you ready?

NOTES:

1. Coronavirus Pandemic Is a Wake Up Call: Exclusive Joshua Fund Poll

https://www.joshuafund.com/learn/news-article/coronavirus_pandemic_is_a_wake_up_call_exclusive_joshua_fund_poll?fbclid=IwAR09Zg4HvyNhOgu5t-tzTyz5-LG_YysXxH6zBJVUyH89dQBR69XP32d_oc

2. The Parable of the Virgins

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you’” (Matthew 25:1-12).