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"The Door Is Being Shut"

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The Father has been speaking to us a lot lately about the hour we are in. He has been telling us over and over again, that it is later than we think. He has been telling God's Sons that it is time to grow up, and to take up their responsibility - to use what He has given them. **The Father has told us that, "This is a time of responsibility and accountability." You are responsible to walk out what you know!** (You are not responsible for what you don't know - but you will be held accountable for what you do.) He has also been bringing back to our remembrance, and saying over and over - something that He spoke to us three years ago.

In 1996, the Lord spoke to us that it is latter than we think. He said that He is scanning the earth, and He is looking for those that are really getting a hold of what He is saying in this hour - **He is looking for those who are faithful and true**, because "**THE DOOR IS GETTING READY TO BE SHUT!**" I got such a witness on this. Then all of the sudden, the Lord reminded me of Matthew chapter 25 where it talks about the ten virgins.

I'd like to go there now, so if you turn to Matthew 25:1-13, it says, "*Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins.*" I thought that it was

interesting that He called them "*virgins*", but this is really the way that the Lord sees your soul. He sees your soul as being beautiful and pure like a "*virgin*".

Here we see that there are five that are wise, and five that are foolish. Those that are foolish are those who are constantly pulled back into the five sense realm (the carnal mind). They live in the (soulish) realm of self - their will, their desires, their emotions and feelings.

They use all of their energy, and spend all of their oil (all of the anointing and authority that God has given them) in the carnal mind - doing carnal works. In other words, they spend more time in the carnal mind than they do in the mind of Christ. They yield (or bow down) more to their will and to their five senses, than they do to Christ.

Now each one of these people started out with oil in their lamps, but some of them never developed a strong enough relationship with the Father. They never digested what God gave them and let it become part of them.

God has blessed them with knowledge and revelation, but they want the things of this world and their religion more. They live in types and shadows, and like the prophets who stood together

and watched what Elijah and Elisha did - they are on the outside looking in - they are only seeing things from afar. They are ignorant of the true light, because they never gained the wisdom and understanding that they needed to grow up.

These virgins (people) want a marriage with the Lord in name only (for the blessings and benefits). They do not want the responsibility of having to keep, and nurture their relationship with Him. They do not want to be ONE, because that means that they must lay down their lives and die to self. They want the benefits, recognition, and power of a marriage with the King of kings and Lord of lords - without being married!

These individuals cannot experience God's rest - because they do everything in their own strength. They never learned to rely on the oil (Christ) that is within them. They only know God from the perspective of a "servant" - they are constantly doing things "in the name of the Jesus", and "for Jesus". God doesn't need people to do things "for Him" - He wants a relationship and a oneness with His people, so that He can work and flow through them.

Jesus said that, "*...the servant knoweth not what his*

Lord doeth" - they have not known Him as a friend. They have been so busy doing things "for God", that they have left their first love and don't even know it. They have not taken the time to know the heart of the one whom they say they serve. Do you understand what I am saying?

It says, *"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps."*

The lamps represent something that must be kept trimmed - so that the oil (Christ) can flow through it. It is speaking of the mind.

Now the reason that the wise virgins are called "wise" - is because they don't just have oil in their lamps - they also use what God has given them. It isn't just something that they have stored away in their barn, or have hidden in the earth. It isn't just head knowledge to them. Yes, God has given them a lot of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, but they have also taken the time to digest it and let it become part of them. They have walked it out - and they are becoming it.

Now knowledge can also puff you up very quickly - but they are wise because they have allowed the Father to keep them humble.

These people are wise because they remain awake and alert. **They have allowed the Father to deal with every area of**

their lives, and they have learned by experience to stay awake (Spiritually), watch, and be ready. They do not keep falling asleep (going back into the carnal mind), and they are not ignorant (deaf and blind) to what the Father is saying and doing. They know who they are, and they remain alert (in the mind of Christ). **They have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying, and do only those things which please the Father. The reason that they have oil all the time, is because they keep their relationship with the Father daily.**

It says, *"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept."* Now it says that they all "slumbered and slept". But the difference here is that, those who are wise are not asleep Spiritually, but they have entered into God's rest. They slept, or rested in the mind of Christ. They have ceased from their own labors, and they have kept their relationship with the Father.

Unfortunately, some of God's Sons (like the five foolish virgins) have fallen asleep - and more will fall asleep. They have gone back into the carnal mind, religion, and the world. They have forgotten who they are, and the positions to which they are called. Some have sold their birthright for the things of this world, for recognition, and for the acceptance of man.

Some of God's Sons have tried to build their own kingdoms (ministries, businesses, bank accounts, etc.). They have labored in vanity and ignorance, believing that all has been done "in the name of Jesus", and for the "glory of God" - when in

reality, so much of what they have done, has been done in the name of "self".

They do not understand that in the "name" of Jesus, means: in the "nature" of Jesus - "in the mind of Christ". They have not let this mind be in them, which was also in Christ Jesus. Jesus came to do the will of His Father. He made Himself of no reputation - He humbled Himself. They have not allowed God to work His nature into them. They have not learned what it means to be faithful and true - and they have not walked out what they know.

They have not allowed the Father to deal with their lives and change their nature from that of the first man Adam which is of the earth, earthy (carnal) - to that of the second man Adam which *"is the Lord from heaven"* (the Christ - a life giving Spirit). They do not understand that the carnal mind cannot produce life/the nature of God - it can only produce death.

"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out."

All ten HEARD the cry, arose in their minds (some in the mind of Christ, and some in their carnal minds/understanding) and went out to meet Him.

The five foolish arose from their slumber and heard the voice of the Lord as well, but because they had already spent their oil in the carnal mind, and had been Spiritually asleep - they missed it. They were shut out!

All the revelations that they have been given are just stored away as head knowledge. They believe that they have more time (it is for some time still in the future). They want their religion, ministries, and churches more than a relationship with their Father. They want revelations and knowledge that tickles their ears, but they do not have ears to hear what the Spirit is really saying.

God brought them a Word that comes out of the Spirit to bring change - but they will not take it inside and let it become part of them. They want to see the signs and wonders - more than they want the Lord Himself. They want the gifts, more than the giver of the gifts. They want God to bless them, without ever having to grow up and be responsible. They have sat at God's table - then ran out and played church. Do you hear what I am saying?

So these five foolish virgins continue in their everyday religion, building their kingdoms "in the name of Jesus", praising and serving a god who is outside of themselves - rather than getting to know the One True God who lives within them. Because, as long as God is way out there, they don't have to change within - they don't have to grow up and be responsible with what they have been given. They are far too busy now. They believe that they still have more time.

But by the time the five foolish virgins finally "heard" (what the Spirit was saying), and "arose" out of their slumber (the carnal mind), and realized that

the time is now - the door was closed.

It said, *"And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps have gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves."*

In other words, the five wise virgins told the five foolish virgins - We cannot carry you, and you cannot carry anyone else.

It is true that occasionally the Lord will bring certain individuals into our lives for a period of time, and you will have to carry (or support) them (however the Father leads you to) until they reach a certain point of maturity in God. You will have to minister to them, and get in the Spirit and allow God to work through you to release them in different areas of their life. But that individual still has to develop and experience THEIR OWN RELATIONSHIP with the Father. Nobody can do this for them - and nobody can do it for you.

Even though we are a corporate body, and we are to be one - each individual must still have their separate relationship with the Father. One of the problems with the body of Christ today, is that people are looking to the pastors, and to the ministers to carry them. People are not developing their own relationships with the Lord. They haven't grown up enough to where they will go within, and hear God's voice for themselves.

And many ministers are not pointing the people to God, as they should. Instead, they keep the people dependent on them.

They keep them as children, and never allow them to grow up. They point the people to themselves so that they can build their own kingdoms and reputations in the earth.

But a true shepherd is one that will always point you to the Father. This is what we do here. We point you to the Father, so that you can develop your own relationship with Him. We are here to encourage you, to teach you, and help you to understand that you are called to be Kings and Priests after the order of Melchisedec - and that you are to minister resurrection life from that eternal realm - which is the mind of Christ. You are to minister the mercy of God, from the throne of God to all creation. God wants His people to know who they are, and the purpose to which they are called - and that they have the ministry of reconciliation, both on this side and on that side - as well as knowing what that means. He wants you to know His divine plan and what He is doing now!

The bottom line is - God is requiring His Son's to mature, and grow up. This is the hour of maturity. It is the hour of walking and not just talking. Talk is cheap. And until some of God's Sons learn to yield to the Father, they are going to have to go through some hard things. The Father wants to deal with all areas of our lives. He is not just trimming branches, but He is dealing with the root of the problems.

God is searching for those that are faithful and true, and He is swallowing up their soul so the fullness of all that He is can be seen in the earth. He is looking

for those who are willing to lay down their lives, and become obedient unto death - even the death of the cross (the death of self/the carnal mind). He is looking for those who know who they are in Him, and are willing to make themselves of no reputation, and take upon them "the form of a servant". He is looking for those that are responsible with what He has given them, so that He can make them ruler over much. He is looking for those that HE can exalt, and declare to the world, "**This is my Son in whom I am well pleased!**" Jesus said, "For many are called, but few are chosen."

So the wise, do not just have a lot of wisdom and knowledge - they use it. They walk it out. It is part of them - it is who they are!

"And while they (the foolish virgins) went to buy, the bridegroom came; and THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN WITH HIM to the marriage: and THE DOOR was SHUT. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I KNOW YOU NOT."

You see, they didn't have that relationship with Him. They didn't know Him.

Do you know what "to know Him", means? It means to love Him. And He said, "*If you love me, keep my commandments.*" But in order to keep His commandments you have to walk out what you know. And you can only walk out what you know - if walk in the mind of Christ (walk in the Spirit). **And in order to walk in the mind of Christ, you need to deny self, keep your**

relationship with the Father, and go within daily!

The flesh (carnal mind) cannot keep His commandments. The flesh cannot please God. The flesh profits nothing. The flesh cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

The five wise virgins are those who love Him; they developed a relationship with Him; and they were wise because they didn't stay in the five sense realm. **They had their oil - went within - and God shut the door.**

It says, "*Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*"

In Matthew 24:36-37 Jesus said, "*But of the day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be.*" You need to read the rest of this chapter for yourself. If you also turn to Genesis chapter 7 - you will see that it was the Lord that shut Noah in. It was God Himself that closed the door.

There is a responsibility that goes along with hearing the Word of the Lord. You are sitting before the throne of God, and the Word is going forth so that you will not be ignorant of God's plan, or His desires. We are responsible to walk in what we know and understand.

Jesus said in John 15:14-16, "*Ye are my friends, if ye DO (take action upon, put in motion, obey, walk out, perform, produce, become) whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you FRIENDS; but for ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE*

HEARD OF MY FATHER I HAVE (past tense) MADE KNOWN UNTO YOU. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit (produce life - the nature of God), and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name (in my nature - in the mind of Christ), he may give it you." When you come into this place in the mind of Christ - it is God talking to God. It is the Christ within you talking to the Father - and not one of His Words will fall to the ground or return void. The flesh profits nothing. With all that the Father has given to us, we cannot say that we didn't know.

To go along with what the Lord has been saying - if you turn to Luke 13:24-28 it speaks again, about the door being shut. They knock at the door saying open unto us - and He says I don't know you.

It says, "*Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for MANY, I say unto you, WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN, AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE. When once THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS RISEN UP, and HATH SHUT THE DOOR, and ye begin to stand (they waited to long) without (outside/in the carnal mind), and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I KNOW YOU NOT whence ye are:*" He was saying, I know you not "from where you are" (they were in the carnal mind). He doesn't recognize the flesh/carnal mind.

Jesus said that you have to enter in at the strait (or narrow) gate. He said, that many will seek to enter and will not be able. So

the narrow gate is the narrow path. He said that many are on the broad path that leads to destruction.

"Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But I shall say, I tell you, I KNOW YOU NOT whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity (sin/death/the carnal mind). There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, WHEN YE SHALL SEE Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and yourselves thrust out."

In other words, these people (and many of God's Sons) are going see God's Sons (who are faithful and true) enter into the fullness of God. They will see the manifestation of the Sons of God take place. They will witness the first resurrection ("Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection"), and the redemption of their bodies - but they won't be able to partake of it themselves. *"For many are called but few are chosen."*

The weeping and gnashing of teeth, is the hell that these people will experience in their minds when they realize what they gave up. They knew about it, were called to it, but missed it for the reasons we talked about earlier.

Then the Lord took me back to Matthew 25:13, where it says, *"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."*

Well, we don't know the day, and we don't know the hour, but we do know something. In Luke 21:25-28 it says, *"And THERE SHALL BE SIGNS IN THE SUN, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of*

nations," Is this not happening even now? *"...with perplexity;"* People all over the world are confused and do not know which way to turn. *"...the sea and the waves roaring;"* It is speaking here of humanity and man's minds being tossed to and fro in a sea of emotions and thoughts. Their soul is roaring - they are crying out in fear, doubt, and anger. *"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth:"* People's eyes are focussed on the things of this world, and the events that are going on around them. They live in fear. They feel overwhelmed and see no hope for the future. They don't understand that God is bringing an end to the flesh man (the carnal mind), and that He is issuing in, and establishing the Kingdom of God - which is the mind of Christ. *"...for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."* The Father has been working through His Sons to shake the powers of heaven, for more than ten years already. He is shaking the heavens and the earth.

"And THEN SHALL THEY SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD (you are this cloud - it is also speaking of the cloud of witnesses) with great power and great glory. And WHEN THESE THINGS BEGIN TO COME TO PASS, then LOOK UP, and lift up your heads; FOR YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH."

It said, **when these things BEGIN to come to pass, look up, for your redemption draweth nigh. Well we are into it already, and have been for some time. All of these signs have already been fulfilled. Do not take these**

things lightly. It is talking about the redemption of your body!

Jesus said in Luke 21:25, that there would be signs in the sun, and the moon, and in the stars. God has already put His sign in the sun. In 1993 we did a newsletter on this, called "Ozone". If you have it - you need to read it again. If you don't have it - you need to get it, because there is a lot in it, and you need to understand what God is saying. I can only touch on it here.

Basically, the Father said that the hole in the ozone layer is a sign and a message to the entire world. Every nation is aware of what is happening with the ozone. All creation is aware of it. All creation is experiencing the affects of it. God has their attention, but they don't have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying.

Another sign in the stars, was the comet Hale-Bopp in 1998. This comet was seen and photographed by more people than any other comet in history. It was both larger and brighter than Halley's comet. This comet appeared in both the morning and evening sky - signifying that all creation will see the manifestation of the Sons of God, and there shall be no more night. This comet also had two tails - one blue (signifying the power and anointing of God), and the other white (signifying, the righteousness and pureness of God).

And on August 11, 1999, there was a total eclipse of the sun, which was visible over most of Europe - from England to India. At the time of this eclipse, there was also an alignment of

four constellations and planets that took place. This alignment formed the shape of a large "Cross" hanging in space. The earth itself was at the center of this cross, as though it was being crucified.

The uniqueness of this eclipse was also that it lasted for three hours - from approximately noon to 3:00 PM. When Jesus was crucified, the sun was also darkened for three hours - from noon until 3:00 PM.

Jesus said that there would be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars. He has put them in plane view for all creation to see.

I thank God, that He has not left us ignorant of what He is doing. He has not left us in the dark (in our carnal minds) and confused. I thank God for the light (knowledge, understanding, and wisdom) that He has given us to use! He has not left us in the sixth day - but He is changing us from glory to glory, into the image and likeness of His dear beloved Son.

When these things begin to come to pass - LOOK UP - ARISE IN THE MIND OF CHRIST - for your redemption draweth nigh. It is closer than you think. You cannot say that you did not know. *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying."*

In Revelations 1:16, it is describing the nature of God, and it says, *"...and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."* The natural sun represents the face of God, in all His glory, power, and splendor.

The Father showed us back in 1993 that the ozone layer represents the "veil" which has

been between the sun (the Son - the face/nature of God) and the earth (the flesh/carnal man/the carnal mind). It has covered the earth (man's soul) and kept it from the fullness of the sun's (God's) glory (light, knowledge, power and authority). In Hebrews 12:29 it says, *"For our God is a consuming fire."*

For six days, or six thousand years this veil has protected carnal man from the face/nature of God. Now God is removing the veil, to reveal His glory to all creation - and He will consume everything that is not like Himself. He is declaring to the whole world that the sixth day (the day of man) is over, and that this is His day - it is the Day of the Lord.

I want to leave you with one more scripture that the Father has brought to mind. In Luke 21:34-36 in the Amplified bible, it says, *"And take heed (do not take this lightly) to yourselves and be on your guard (be alert and watch) lest your heart be overburdened and be depressed - weighed down - with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to (the business of) this life (do not go back into the carnal mind), and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose; For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth. KEEP AWAKE then and WATCH AT ALL TIMES (that is, be discreet, attentive and ready); praying (keep your relationship with the Father strong) that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy (faithful and true) to escape these things [taken together] that will take*

place, and to STAND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SON OF MAN (be found in the mind of Christ)."

You need to meditate on these things, and let the Lord speak to your heart - because He knows where you are at in your walk. **The cry of my heart is that we will all be found ready when the door is shut. It is being shut.**

The Father has said that the final call to His Sons has gone out in the realm of the Spirit. The cry has been made, *"Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him."* It is up to each individual whether or not they will arise, and answer the call by entering in (going within) with Him to the marriage. **The invitations have been sent!**

It is later than we think Saints. **Look up - for your redemption draweth nigh! Nurture your relationship with the Father, and use what He has given you. Walk in what you know. It is time to be wise and responsible. It is time to grow up! It is time to be found IN HIM!**