

**TELECAST SERMON FOR  
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“IS YOUR LAMP LIT?”  
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Thank you Melvin!

Are you familiar with the Bible's account of the 5 wise virgins and the 5 foolish virgins, who each took a lamp with them, as they set out to meet their Bridegroom, the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you recall how the 5 foolish ones were unprepared and were forced to stop and buy oil to fill their lamps, which had run dry? The ending of the story was a tragic one for them, as their "door of opportunity," to be the "Bride of Christ," was shut down with an irrevocable finality, and it became a "door" never to be opened again. They had not been prepared. Therefore, it is my utmost prayer, that the message I have prepared and entitled **“IS YOUR LAMP LIT?”** will motivate you to learn how to have your "lamps filled," and be as ready and prepared, as the 5 wise virgins were, in order to meet Jesus, when He returns, and so that the door of opportunity to be saved and live eternally with the Lord, will not slam shut on you.

The presence of the Holy Ghost is an integral part of “The Gospel.” It remains as the light in our lives, that will keep our hearts right with Jesus and His righteousness and to affectionately embrace the joy of salvation. The apostles and anointed Pastors ensure those lights are kept burning through conscientious preparation of their sermons.

Let us read in Acts 20:7-8, “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued to preach until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.”

The scripture encourages every believer to assemble in God’s house, and with greater enthusiasm and display of effort, knowingly that Jesus’ return is near. By going to God’s house, one will be nourished by the Word of God.

Pastors who have been anointed and sent of God will be men after God’s heart and filled with the Spirit. They will feed their congregations through their knowledge and understanding of the scriptures. The sermon will be exhilarating and delivered in a manner that will clearly demonstrate the presence and power of

the Holy Ghost, declaring that one's faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

The key to salvation is the name of Jesus, and keeping our lamps well fueled which assure the reward of eternal life. The presence of the Holy Ghost within a believer fulfills the scripture, found in Col. 1:27, "...Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Why is it important to have the Holy Ghost alive in us? Let us read in I Corinthians 12: 3, "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."

The anointing of the Holy Ghost would make the apostles credible witnesses for the Lord. They were commissioned to tell the world, Who Jesus is. Being Spirit inspired, they would labor to carry "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God" with boldness and courage. As they preached "The Gospel," the Lord would bring in the souls.

The apostles in turn would baptize them in the name of Jesus. If remorse and repentance for sin met the standard for righteousness, Jesus would in turn fill them with His Holy Spirit right on the spot or as they conscientiously worked out their salvation.

A known example of this lies with the house of Cornelius and is described in Acts, chapter 10. Being Gentiles, they were, in essence, excluded from Jewish worship, however, their love for the Lord was able to penetrate that barrier. Through faith and prayer, the Lord Jesus brought "The Gospel" to them, comforting them, that "God is no respecter of persons, but that in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

Upon hearing the Word of God through a Spirit filled Peter, the house of Cornelius rejoiced and were filled with the Holy Ghost, and soon after were baptized in the name of Jesus.

Let us read in Acts 10:44-48, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all of them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision, which believed, were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then answered Peter, "Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord..." Peter realized the urgency of salvation, and these souls were baptized in the name of Jesus without delay.

Jesus preached, "The time is now!" Do you realize, television viewers that days, months, and years are being accelerated for the elect's sake? The shortening of the days expresses the concern Jesus has for those who are saved.

In other words, the concern is that the saved need not spend any more time upon this earth than what is required. John the beloved, who was favored by Jesus, said through the Holy Spirit, in Rev. 3:11, "Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ" is simple in nature and in content. "The Gospel" does not favor any one race or culture, because in the eyes of God, all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God. The Lord is neither a respecter of persons. Jew or Gentile bond or free, male or female, everyone must acknowledge and repent of their sin and accept Jesus Christ, as their personal Savior and Lord.

"The Gospel" has maintained its integrity because of the loyalty and allegiance of God fearing Holy Ghost filled conscientious Pastors. "The Gospel" remains intact, as it was first preached by Jesus and of the apostles because of that continuing Spirit. "The Gospel" is the good news that Jesus saves, Jesus heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and Jesus is coming soon.

On a particular night, a dramatic change took place within the heart of a man, whose fear of God had yet to reach perfection. Why did he fall short? It was because he had yet to acknowledge Jesus, as being more than a prophet! This man's name was Nicodemus, and he was, by profession, a Pharisee.

In his conversation with Jesus, Nicodemus learns how traditions or a person's religion could not save. He eventually concluded that the law condemned sin in the flesh but provided no avenue of escape. What he eventually learned and accepted from Jesus generated tremendous turmoil in the religious sect.

Most concluded that Jesus was a rebel and an activist. The Sanhedrin condemned the doctrine, but they could never explain away the miracles that were performed

at His command. Battling with a troubled, but curious spirit, Nicodemus went to meet Jesus.

Let us read in John 3:5, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

There is only one explanation to this scripture, which is a quote from verse 7, “Ye must be born again.” Water baptism resembles the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Water baptism was implemented for the sake of establishing a physical relationship with Jesus.

Let us read in James 2:17-18, “Even so faith, if it hath not works is dead, being alone. Yes, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.”

Turning to I Peter 3:21 we read, “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

”Yes, the simplicity of water baptism, in His name, confounds the wise and the theologically trained, but it nevertheless was established by God and through the saving of the soul is achieved.

In my opinion, when there is an absence of the Holy Ghost, there is also an absence of righteousness, discipline, wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Jesus tells us in John 5:39, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.” I cannot over emphasize the point that faith and obedience are required to have our souls delivered from the consequences of sin.

The New Testament reinforces the point that faith without works is dead, and that without faith it is impossible to please the Lord. It is unfortunate that this world will remain unsaved, due to its negligence and ignorance. Paul concluded the Jews as being unsaved because of their lack of knowledge.

The Pharisees continued to object to the baptism of repentance by John the Baptist. Because they refused to be baptized, they lacked faith, foresight, and understanding. The laws given to Moses have not changed, but salvation has been simplified for our sakes being that Jesus fulfilled every aspect of the law for

us. All that is required for us today is to turn to Jesus Christ and keep His commandments.

How do we accomplish that? Mark tells us, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,” thus you see how the simplicity of “The Gospel” confounds the wise, and brings an end to their profound wisdom.

On Pentecost, Peter revealed the keys to the kingdom of God. Let us read in Acts 2:37, “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, men and brethren, what shall we do?”

In Acts 2:38 it reads, “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

The scriptures found in John 3: 5, Acts 2: 38, and Matthew 28: 19, compliment each other, rather than are cause for confusion. The Holy Spirit allows the believer to understand the scripture by rightly dividing the Word of God. These well-known scriptures say the same thing that ye must be born of water and of the Spirit, calling upon the name of Jesus.

Have you ever asked yourself, television viewers what could have generated such a huge response on the phenomenal day of Pentecost? After all, the words, which Peter spoke, caused 3000 souls to be saved; that is, they were baptized in the name of Jesus and filled with the Holy Ghost. Ask yourself; What did they see? What did they hear? What did they feel that could have moved so many souls to repentance and salvation?

We read in Acts 2:11-12, & 21, “We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, saying to one another, what meaneth this? And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The speaking in the unknown tongue is unique only to the Pentecostal church. On the fiftieth day after the resurrection Jesus poured out His spirit upon the 120 that were assembled in His name. After tarrying for 10 days the room was suddenly filled with the presence of God that is likened to the strength of a very forceful wind.

Then these faithful Saints were eyewitnesses to a visual manifestation, tongues of fire! A burning flame likened to tongues of fire rested upon each of them.

Please note that an individual flame rested upon each soul that tarried for the Spirit, which numbered 120, reinforcing the fact that salvation is an individual matter. Immediately following the manifest of the tongues of fire, each individual was filled with the Holy Ghost that was proven with the speaking in an unknown tongue.

We read on in Acts 4:12, “Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.”

Yes, Jesus was given a name that ranked higher than all the names of the earth and at which every knee will bow. His name had power that caused the devils to fear and tremble. Thus, calling on the name of Jesus in water baptism in an act of obedience to the known will of God. It is a concession that mankind must make, that they might be made free from sin.

Let us turn to and read II Corinthians 6:1-2, “We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)”

Yes, I encourage you, our viewers, to seize the moment of grace. Time is short and Jesus is coming soon!

On the day Jesus ascended into heaven, He instructed the apostles and those, that believed, to assemble in Jerusalem and tarry there until they were endued with power from on high. As He ascended, Jesus imparted unto them a blessing in a manner they had never experienced before.

The blessing left them with a presence of God and anticipation for fulfillment. A great blessing was in store for them in Jerusalem. However, as was with other blessings bestowed upon Israel it was conditional. Only obedience to those simple instructions would result in bringing about that blessing. The apostles had return to Jerusalem and pray for the promised power of God until it was received.

Let us read in Luke 24:49-53, “And behold, I send the promised of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.”

For these faithful Saints, the purpose of the Feast of Pentecost was manifest. Jesus walked with them 40 days after His resurrection, then commanded them to return to Jerusalem. After 10 days of tarrying, they all received the gift of the Holy Ghost, just as Jesus had instructed them.

The outpouring of the Holy Ghost was not by coincidence, but a part of God’s plan that had purpose and instituted with deliberacy. For the 120, they became that light to the world to lead souls to Jesus. Indeed, their lamps were lit, and their vessels filled with the Holy Ghost to overflow.

When Paul preached to the congregation in Jerusalem, as we began our sermon, many years had passed. The apostles were much older, and their spiritual maturity had increased. The Holy Ghost they received years earlier remained as real to them as the day they first received them. On that accord, they continued to preach the Word and “The Gospel of the Kingdom of God.”

For them, everything, Jesus forewarned them of, came to pass. Souls were being baptized in the Name of Jesus and filled with the Holy Ghost. Devils were being cast out, as the apostles rebuked them in the name of Jesus. Adversity and persecution intensified, but they found comfort in the promises of God, and pressed toward the mark.

Let us read in Matthew 5:13-16, “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick: and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.”

What does it mean to let my light shine before men? What purpose does the properties in salt serve in my Spiritual life? Does my life have a direct affect on bringing lost souls to Jesus? Did you know, TV viewers, that, as a believer, you have a great responsibility to the Lord in promoting “The Gospel” upon this earth?

Your answer might be, “How can I be held accountable, when I am not a preacher? It does not matter whether one is a preacher or not! If you have become a recipient of the blessings that come with the gospel, then you also have a duty to tell others of Jesus. You have a duty to spread the good news!

Will you ask yourselves this question: Am I spiritually awake and in touch with the Lord? It is a known fact that to be saved is one matter, but to stay saved and to remain in the center of the Lord’s will is another matter. Jesus said in Matt. 24:13, “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved!”

Is your light beaming brightly, being that is fueled with faith and confidence in the word of God? On the other hand, do you find yourself groping in darkness? It might be because your light is dim, due to the lack of faith and enthusiasm? If so, you have covered your candlestick with sin and compromise.

Has your light been completely extinguished through the lust of the flesh, sin or unbelief? You cannot assure your salvation by gainsaying the Word of God, that will conveniently allow you to live in sin.

The church spiritually speaking, is not a building where people can assemble. The church is the many membered “Body of Christ.” This “body” is also the temple of the living God, where He dwells through His Spirit.

We, as believers should assemble in the house of the Lord as often as possible to pray and to worship, and more so, as we see the day approaching.

The parable of the ten virgins gives us a composite of the church and its members in the last days. The passage reveals to us that the congregation is of a mixed multitude. Though the word is being preached that highlights the coming of the Lord Jesus, some will choose to remain remiss and not adequately prepare themselves.

Let us read in Matthew 25:1-5, “Then shall the kingdom of heaven, be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five 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. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.”

As with many passages in the Bible, the personal character and attitude of our human nature is often addressed using parables or metaphors. When Jesus



referred to the ten women as being virgins, no doubt He was referring to those who have been saved.

The saved are being symbolized as being chaste, pure, and unblemished from the pollutants of the world. Jesus, in this case, is not addressing unbelievers, because unbelievers will never have access to the heavenly reward until they come to the knowledge of the truth found in Jesus Christ.

The Bible tells us that our patience, possess we our souls. It is with that degree of patience; we should continue in well doing. One of the challenging circumstances every believer will face is the ability to patiently wait on the Lord.

At times the circumstances seem so overwhelming, and our faith begins to decline. If not rooted and grounded, that might eventually lead to failing faith.

The parable of the ten virgins puts everything in perspective for us. All ten virgins were supplied with lamps and vessels. Under the circumstances they had to obtain their own oil for the lamp. They were made aware that they were accountable for themselves and were encouraged to make sound decisions.

They were told that the bridegroom would eventually arrive, and they should conscientiously prepare for His return.

However, they were not told when He would arrive. All ten virgins were instructed to take heed. To prepare, and to be confident, that the groom would return.

At a designated time, the doors were to open. According to the parable, the five wise and prepared virgins entered, while the unwise and unprepared were left out.

The point Jesus imparts to the latter day believer is the necessity of living a life that possesses, and not only professes, righteousness. Our lives, as Christians, cannot be lived on the surface; there must be depth to it.

In other words, our commitment to a life in Jesus must be sincere and with reverence. More than ever before we must increase our confidence in Jesus, meaning the Word of God.

Let us read in Ephesians 1:17-19, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may

know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the Saints. And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.”

Yes, Jesus is coming soon, and I pray that you will keep your lamps fueled, trimmed, and bright. **3 2 1**

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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