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“Are We At the End? Chapter 5, Part 1

“Leaders That Have No Oil”

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One of the most revealing characteristics of the last days would be the downfall of leadership as it relates to all areas of mankind; and especially as it relates to the spiritual dimension. We are warned throughout the Word of God concerning the detrimental effect that false leadership would have on the masses of people, and we are definitely witnessing this prophet revelation manifesting itself in our day and time.

Repeatedly throughout the scriptures we are warned of false prophets, false Christs, seducing spirits, evil spirits, doctrines of devils, the spirit of antichrist, the spirit of error, and many other descriptions that are in clear view for those who have eyes to see them. As I release this revelation at this present time, we are witnessing political leaders that have absolutely no integrity, deception masked as truth, and the sad thing about all of this is an absence of discernment by spiritual leaders that have been caught up in the **deception**. I have witnessed spiritual leaders giving their endorsement to ungodly leadership, and ‘when the blind lead the blind, they both fall into the ditch.’ **{Matthew 15:14}**

The Holy Spirit has given me the go ahead to reveal and expose why leadership in the natural has become so polluted; and it is simply because the spiritual leadership that is leading God’s people has allowed this to take place. The fear of man, compromise for acceptance, the love of money, the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and the pride of life has caused many spiritual leaders to depart from the truth and give way to seducing destructive spirits. As a result of this, our nation (USA) has now become the habitation of demons, and blindness has come upon many that are a part of religious institutions. **{Ephesians 4:17-19}** When we look at leadership I’m not just talking about preachers in the pulpit, because leadership

takes on many forms; and we are all called by God to be the salt of the earth and to let our light shine:

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, 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 an 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." **{Matthew 5:13-16}**

So leadership includes all of those who are called by the name of Jesus, due to the fact that wherever God has planted you in society you have a God ordained responsibility to be "salt and light" to those whom God desires to touch and save. I will remind you of this very important truth that the larger the platform that God has given you, the more responsibility and accountability you will have to God as stated in :

"My brethren, be not many masters, (teachers) knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation (stricter judgment)." **{James 3:1}**

In our day and time, we repeatedly witness spiritual leaders joining themselves to the spirit of antichrist; joining and linking themselves to the spirit of perversion; joining and linking themselves to idolatry and paganism; and whenever these things are pointed out, you are accused of being 'religiously intolerant' and decisive. In this chapter, we are going to look at one of the most discussed and taught parables that Jesus identified in **{Matthew 25:1-13}**:

"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. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 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. 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. And while they 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. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

Let me identify the key words in this parable (a parable is a natural story, description, visual picture, that imparts a spiritual revelation):

Kingdom of Heaven: The Kingdom dimension that God is setting up now on the earth that will only increase in authority as we come closer to the end of this earth age.

Ten: The Kingdom number that signifies governmental authority and the divine order of God as it relates to His purpose, plan, and will. {In Genesis 1 the phrase "God said" is used **ten times**; God released **10 plagues** on Egypt when He set the children of Israel free from bondage; God gave the **10 commandments** to Moses; God commanded us to **tithe**, which is the **tenth**; The Passover lamb was selected on the **10th** day of the 1st month; Daniel's commitment to his covenant demonstrated by **ten days**; Some of those in the church of Smyrna would have tribulation for **ten days**.

Virgins: Those who were undefiled, pure, clean, and chaste. A total commitment.

Lamps: To give forth light, illumination, direction, and guidance.

Oil: That which ignites and activates, the presence of the Holy Spirit activating the will of God in our lives.

Bridegroom: The reigning King Jesus; the Lord of Lords; our Messiah and Savior.

Midnight: Unprecedented darkness, timing before a new beginning, when many have been moved into a time of sleep or stupor.

Watch: Readiness, prayer alertness, steadfast and immovable, prepared.

What has confused many about this particular parable is that many have tried to interpret the virgins as being the Bride of Christ, when in actuality the virgins are those who would light the pathway for the Bride to come forth in order to meet the Bridegroom. The role they played without any doubt was of great importance due to the fact that with our light and illumination the Bride would not be able to find her way to the Bridegroom; would certainly become lost as she tried to find her way; would be out of position when the Bridegroom came forth; and would miss the greatest even of her life — being forever with the Bridegroom.

The Holy Spirit revealed to me years ago that the virgins not only needed lamps but they had to have additional oil with them, because they had no idea when the bridegroom would come. In the event of delay the additional oil would be crucial, because without it their lamps would not have the one essential element to give light — and that was the oil. This natural story gives us great insight into the last days, because the one declaration that leadership must have is the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives:

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send him unto you.” {John 16:7}

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.” {John 16:13}

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” {John 14:26}

In our next week’s teaching we will thoroughly examine how to discern the signs when leadership has run out of oil.