

Those Who Sell Oil

The Foolish Virgins of Matt 25 were told to "Go to them that sell" to buy oil for themselves.

So the question is, "Who are those that sell Oil?"

As we saw in Oil for the Lights, the Scriptures reveal what the *Oil for the Lights* is, and what it is NOT. We saw first the Scriptures plainly reveal that the Oil is NOT the anointing provided by the Set-apart spirit. We saw, however, that the Scriptures reveal plainly that the *Oil for the Lights* is 'Wisdom.'

We saw likewise in Righteousness as the Light, that the *Light* fueled by the Oil is actually the *Works of Righteousness*, done by those who allow "Messiah-in-You" to keep the Law (Torah) of YHWH. Indeed, we are told throughout Psalms and Proverbs, that it is the *Wise* who keep the Law — the Torah, and the Commandments, precepts, and ordinances of YHWH.

We saw also it is the *Wise* who, although not required, have the willingness of heart to give the offering of Oil for the Lights that YHWH requires. We saw that this willingness of heart portrays a New Covenant matter of keeping the Commandments and precepts voluntarily out of Love — rather than an Old Covenant matter of keeping the Commandments out of Fear of Death.

So the Wise Virgins' *Oil* was their *Wisdom* to keep the Torah of YHWH, thereby providing the Light of Righteousness that could be seen. We also saw that the Foolish Virgins were willing to pay the *price* for the Oil, but they did not have the *heart* to apprehend the Oil of Wisdom.

Go to Them That Sell

This brings us to the buying of the Oil. Who is it that *sells* the Oil to the foolish Virgins? Let's start with the passage in Matthew:

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. (Matthew 25:7-9)

So the Foolish virgins were told to go to them that sell, and buy..." So the foolish virgins went to buy, but did they buy the Oil? Let's look:

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, Master, Master, open to us. Matthew 25:10-11

It appears the Foolish Virgins were able to go out and buy some Oil, because we see they later returned. So who is it that *sells* this Oil needed for one to have Light, in order to enter in with the Bridegroom?

Today, there are multitudes of Ministries that will tell people how to *come out* of the Bondage of sin, by the Blood of the Lamb, just as the Israelites *came out* of the bondage of Egypt. These are all necessary ministries, performing an important task in YHWH's

plan of Redemption.

There are many likewise that freely tell people how to be *Baptized* in the Cloud and in the Sea, as were the Israelites, who are our examples in all things. These are pictures of Water Baptism and Baptism in the Holy Spirit, both necessary steps for our coming out. These too are necessary and important tasks in YHWH's plan.

But who today is telling those who have *come out* by the Blood, how they must *enter in* to the Promised Land by obedience to the Torah? This is the job of the Prophetic ministry! Let's look a little closer at this.

The Israelites are our examples. We are told throughout Scripture, that because Israel in the wilderness despised the Law (Torah), and did not keep the Torah, that they were refused entry in to the Promised Land. Today we are warned throughout the New Covenant writings, to avoid the same example of disobedience to Torah that Israel in the wilderness exhibited — which is the very *definition* of Sin given in (1John 3:4).

So, who is supposed to tell the people of their sin, and to warn them of the consequences of sin? Notice the following:

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.
(Isaiah 58:1)

In Scripture, the Trumpet or *shofar* is a prophetic word that speaks of the ministry of the *Prophets*. Even today, YHWH requires the trumpet of the *prophetic ministries* to reveal to the people exactly what will prevent the people from *entering in* to the Promised land: their transgressions (of Torah) and their sins (Transgression of the Law)!

But what do we see today instead? What are these *voice-like-a-trumpet* Ministries — the prophetic ministries of YHWH — doing instead? They are following the same example as we see in Scripture. Let's look at this.

Sons of the Prophets Today

In Elijah's day there were some popular, well-known *Schools of the Prophets* in the towns of Bethel, Jericho, and also in Gilgal, the town where Elijah lived. The students of these schools were young men who were called *Sons of the Prophets*.

The phrase '*Son of*' is in itself prophetic term meaning "having the characteristics of." Thus the phrase *Sons of the Prophets* would be a prophetic term for those who "have the characteristics of the Prophets."

As we see in (2Kings 2:3,5), the Sons of the Prophets knew the day Elijah would leave. We see later that they would see Elijah ascend, but they themselves would remain. They even went to look for Elijah for three days, even after Elisha told them, "Do not send."

The Sons of the Prophets of Elisha's day were also engaged in Building Programs, as we see in (2Kings 6:1-4). They all spoke the same *message* — the dull, unsharpened, 'borrowed axe-head' words, borrowed from one another, as we see prophetically in (2Kings 6:5; Eccl 10:10).

What does this example in Elisha's day tell us of our day today?

Today there are multitudes of ministries, just like the Sons of the Prophets in Elisha's day.

For example, many ministries today are active in holding Schools of the Prophets, and in holding seminars, where for a small fee one may learn how to become a Prophet. Many of these ministries train and teach vital elements necessary to the growth and ministry of the Prophet, and are training true Watchmen.

Like the Sons of the Prophets in Elisha's day, these Sons of the Prophets today are well-known, and can be found in several countries, some living together within several cities and towns where they hold their popular seminars and conventions. Not all, however, are undergoing the Biblical training as true Watchmen. Not all are preparing those who are to prepare the Way of YHWH.

Many of today's *Sons of the Prophets* have web sites also, some of which are notable in several respects:

1. Many sites do not warn the people of their Transgressions and their sins. These sins, unless forsaken, will prevent the people from *entering in* to the Promised Land.
2. Many sites do not have teaching articles free of cost. Of those that do, few disseminate the Truths regarding how the people must *enter in* by obedience to the Law (Torah), including the keeping of "My Sabbaths" as YHWH states.
3. Many sites have newsletter subscriptions available for sale, books for sale, and various other information, valuable for gaining wisdom, for a price — for sale.
4. Many sites dispense information on the *Anointing* of the Set-apart Spirit, thereby providing the "Oil for anointing" for those who desire that Oil.
5. Few sites dispense information on the *Light* of Wisdom, thereby failing to provide the "Oil for the Light" for those who desire that Oil.

So we see it is YHWH's *Prophets* that are supposed to have the information necessary for the Foolish Virgins to *enter in* with the Bridegroom. This necessary information is the Wisdom — the Oil — needed for producing the light of Righteousness in the daily lives of the Virgins!

Selling the Wrong Oil

But, Alas! The Oil is not Free — it is *For Sale!* And, the oil that is available from many ministries is not *Oil for the Light* — it is *Oil for Anointing* — which, as we saw in Oil for the Light, is a completely separate kind of Oil.

So we see this Oil is not the Oil required by the Lamp to produce Light — it is the wrong *Oil*.

So we understand that many of the prophetic ministries of today continue to sell the *Oil for Anointing* to the foolish Virgins. And multitudes of Foolish Virgins go forth to buy the oil. Many flock together to see and hear these prophetic ministries, on websites, and in seminars, courses, newsletters, books, videos, and tapes — as they continue to sell their Oil.

The Wise Virgins, on the other hand, do not go to others for their Oil. They have found that the Oil for the Light can be had by seeking Yahushua Himself, and by searching the Scriptures for their Wisdom, and by acting on what they discover in the Scriptures. They have learned to do as the apostle Paul did, to delight in the Law (Romans 7:22) and to walk in it (John 13:17; Ps 119:1).

Therefore the Wise Virgins do not rely on the *commercial* brokers of spiritual information. They have discovered that after they first begin to keep the Commandments of Torah, they begin to grow in their understanding. Their *Wisdom* and *Understanding* begins to grow, as they begin to allow "Messiah-in-you" (Col 1:27) to

provide for them the Grace needed to keep YHWH's Commandments.

We saw in Oil for the Light that the Foolish Virgins had not developed the *heart* for Wisdom to keep the Torah. Along the way, perhaps they heard the Wise Virgins being ridiculed, whom they saw keeping the Torah. These Wise Virgins were labeled with the epithets, 'under a curse' or 'in bondage' or 'under the Law.' The Foolish Virgins heard it said regarding keeping the Torah, "That's Jewish" or, "That's for another time."

The Foolish Virgins were not as the Bereans, who were noble, for they did not read and search the Scriptures for themselves. They did not investigate whether these accusations were true — or perhaps were the words of unlearned and unstable men, who wrested or twisted the words of Paul. They did not test the claims of the many False Teachers and False Shepherds against the words of Scripture.

Many of the Foolish Virgins were instead swayed by well-meaning but ignorant Pastors, who warned of 'Judaizers.' However, these Pastors did not recognize that the *Wise* Virgins were simply living, and walking in imitation of the Saviour Himself, and of the Apostle Paul, and of all of Yahushua's Disciples!

When the announcement finally comes, "*Behold: The Bridegroom Cometh!*" We will see the Foolish Virgins scramble to find who will sell them the Oil. We see in Scripture they did find Oil, and perhaps they bought some oil. Many of the Foolish Virgins were faithful followers of some of the prophetic ministries of today — the ministries that sell their anointing Oil, only because there are so many Foolish Virgins who are willing to buy the wrong Oil. But the "Oil" sold in the marketplace will not allow one to truly *know* YHWH (Ezekiel 20:20).

The Wise Virgins, however, will have nothing to do with those that sell the wrong Oil. They are willing to "Buy the Truth, and sell it not" (Prov 23:23), but they desire the Oil for the *Light* instead of Oil for *Anointing*.

They know the secret — that the Oil for the *Light* is simply the Wisdom that YHWH provides, as a result of obedience to YHWH and His Torah! This Oil for the Light, the Wisdom that YHWH provides, allows one to truly *know* YHWH! The Wise Virgins will therefore stay away from the prophetic ministries that sell the wrong Oil, for the wise Virgins do not want to hear the words:

**"I never knew you: depart from me,
ye that transgress the Law."
(Matthew 7:23)**