

Sermon Notes – “Our Greatest Need, Pt. 3”

Subtitle: “The Danger of Running on ‘E’!”

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Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-4; Zechariah 4:1-6

Sermon Narrative: Matthew 25:1-13

Understanding Some Key Words, Phrases & Ideas in Matthew 25:1-13

1. Lamps - Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 6:23 –
2. Oil - Zechariah 4:1-6 –
3. _____ of _____ vs _____ - Pro. 3:13, 24; 19:15; Ecc. 5:12
4. Lamps have gone/going out - _____
5. Go to those who sell & buy - _____
6. Lord, Lord open to us - _____

The class represented by the foolish virgins are **not** hypocrites. They have a regard for the truth, they have advocated the truth, they are attracted to those who believe the truth; **but they have not yielded themselves to the Holy Spirit’s working.** They have not fallen upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, and permitted their old nature to be broken up. This class are represented also by the stony-ground hearers. They receive the word with readiness, but they fail of assimilating its principles. Its influence is not abiding. *COB p. 411*

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In His daily life Christ gave men an example of the work they were to do (*see Mark 1:35*)... For all who desire to follow Him, His example is left on record.

Prayer sanctified His ministry. Strength and vigor for daily duty are derived from worshiping God in the beauty of holiness. **The lamp must be filled with holy oil before its light can shine amid the moral darkness.**

Signs of the Times – October 31, 1900

Neglect the exercise of prayer, or engage in prayer spasmodically, now and then, as it is deemed convenient, and you lose your connection with God. The Christian life becomes dry, and the spiritual faculties have no vitality. The religious experience lacks health and vigor. There is a growing tendency to substitute the writings and sayings of men for the word of God.

Signs of the Times – July 31, 1893

May we follow God’s instructions so that we will not “Run on E”!