**THE BRIDEGROOM**M/I/C AYANTOKUN ADEPEJU

**What is bridegroom?** Bridegroom is defined as a husband to be at the wedding. Also can be a man that has just married or about married.

The bible defined bridegroom as the husband of a bride (iyawo). Bridegroom is been mentioned in several places in the bible. For examples Psalm 19:5, Isaiah 61:10, Matt 9:15, Joel 2:16, Matt 25L1 & 6. Etc.

In this content: Matthew 25:1-13, the Bridegroom is Jesus Christ, the ten virgins represent those church members who are on the watch for the second coming of the Bridegroom (Jesus), while the oil filled lamp are the symbolic of the holy spirit which lights the way before the ------.  
when our Lord Jesus Christ was with the disciples, and was questioned on fasting that; how is it that John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting but yours (JESUS) are not?, and Jesus answered them; “how can the guests of the Bridegroom fast while He is with them?. But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day; they will fast. Mark 2:19&20.  
 The bride belongs to the groom, so, every followers of Jesus Christ are the bride while Jesus is the bridegroom. Jesus Christ is identifies as the Bridegroom connecting the way Jesus loves His followers like husband loves the wife. Ephesians 5:25. Also, the way He (JESUS) gave Himself on the cross as sacrifice for the bride’s (believers) sins. The way He took up the bride’s pain and bore the suffering. Isaiah 53:4.

The ten virgins that await a bridegroom in Matthew 25:1-13 represent the people who have faith in Jesus second coming. They have been taught His (JESUS) gospel and know the commandments they should live by. They are not the rant and file of the world. They are the brides waiting for the bridegroom.

The wise five virgins are those who have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived. The oil in the wise five virgins represents their righteous living and obedience. Filling someone’s lamp represents life living with obedience and righteousness. The five foolish virgins were the unrighteous and unprepared for the coming of the Bridegroom (JESUS) and consequently had the gates of heaven closed to them.

As the individual believers and as the church (bride) that has an inmate relationship with Christ; how fully are we preparing for His (Christ) second coming? The Bridegroom (Jesus) is the joy of the bride (true believers) John 3:29. He has come and has given us peace, joy and happiness and sacrificed Himself for us.

Dear brethren, Jesus said He is coming back to take us with Him to where He is in heaven. Are you fully prepared for His second coming? Will you be among the wise virgins who filled up their lamps with oil? Or among the foolish virgins who were been locked outside. Go into the entire world and preach the gospel to all creation Mark 16:15. Keep watching and prepared for Jesus second coming.

Celestial Hymn 572; Halleluyah oko iyawo yoo de.