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## The Wise Choice

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**T**hen will the kingdom of heaven be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

“At midnight the cry rang out: Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him! Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out. No, they replied, there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves. But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.” Matthew 25:1-10.

In 1844 Jesus went into the marriage, the reception of His kingdom. Only the wise virgins, wise Christians (those with the oil, the Holy Spirit) enter by faith with Him. They are shut in. And all who do not enter by faith are considered foolish Christians.

The wise are, by faith, shut into the most holy place. The foolish Christian “virgins” are still in the first apartment, the first division of Christ’s plan of salvation.

Just as a wise Boy Scout would not go hiking at night without batteries for his flashlight, a wise Christian will choose the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Christian’s power source, just as batteries are the flashlight’s power source or oil is the power source for the oil lamps of the parable.

The true power of the Holy Spirit is to be found when we enter by faith into the work Christ is doing right now. He has begun the second part of His plan for the salvation of His children. God has plenty of “oil,” plenty of “batteries,” plenty of power. If we want that power, we must go to God, by faith, in the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary and ask for it. “Ask, and it will be given you.” Matthew 7:7.

To live successfully through the coming crisis, we will need the power of God’s Holy Spirit. Prayer is the key in the hand of faith that unlocks heaven’s storehouse. Let us enter the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary by faith and get powered up. Let us enter the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary by faith and get the true infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Settle for no cheap imitation! Get the real thing! In these final scenes of earth’s history, the real infilling of the Holy Spirit comes only to those who follow Jesus, by faith, understanding His closing work. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is necessary to carry God’s warning message to the world. The infilling of the Holy Spirit also gives us the power to obey God’s warning message, the power to keep His commandments. “Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” Revelation 14:12, KJV. God says that in the last days there will be a choice to make. One choice is a wise choice, and one choice is a foolish choice. Make the right choice, and choose wisdom. Choose the path of obedience.