

## Fresh Oil: Be Ready!

LSC will you please forgive me? At the Pastor's Round Table, we talked about "Best Practices for Prayer."

I believe LSC is a key church in equipping the saints for **such a time as this**. This is what we were created for; to walk out the prophecy of the Anointed Ones, the Sons of Fresh Oil, the Horn of the House of Israel.

**Matthew chapter 24** Jesus tells us about the signs and times of the end of the age, the Great Tribulation, and that no one knows the day and hour of the coming of the Son of Man. How all of this unfolds, **no one knows for sure**. There are many perspectives about the Second Coming, the Rapture, the Tribulation and how to interpret the Book of Revelation. In **Mtt 24**, Jesus basically tells us, **you will go through perilous times, so "watch and be ready."** Immediately following these words about the end of the age, Jesus gives the example of the **faithful servant and evil servant**. The faithful servant is blessed because **he is serving in the household of God** when his master comes. The evil servant thinks in his heart; *"My master is delaying his coming,"* and becomes self-centered, mean and hangs out with the wrong crowd (drunkard-partiers). The evil servant will be surprised when his master comes and he will be cast out where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (**Mtt 24:45-51**).

In **Matthew 25:1-13** Jesus explains how to **"watch and be ready"** through the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins. This is a parable about the Church waiting for the return of the Bridegroom (Jesus). All 10 virgins thought they were ready...but the 5 foolish were wrong. The 5 foolish took **no extra oil** for their lamps, but the 5 wise took **extra oil in a separate vessel**. Oil is symbolic of anointing; the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome. The cry was heard; *"The bridegroom is coming, go out and meet Him!"* and at midnight **all of the 10 virgins arose and trimmed** their lamp. **Trimmed**: #2885 *kosmeo* (kos-meh-oh); compare to "cosmetic." The word means to decorate and to put in order. All of the 10 virgins looked good and seemed to have everything in order. It was midnight so the darkness was all around them. The foolish said to the wise; *"Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out,"* but the wise said "No" and told them to go buy for themselves. **Mtt 25:10** *"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut."* **Matt 25:11-13** *"Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. The foolish asking the wise for some of their oil is like asking; "Give us some of your faithfulness!" And the wise replied; "Go and be faithful and you will have faithfulness."*

The parable of the 10 Virgins is mainly addressed to the Church as a whole. The virgins were addressed as 2 separate groups, **not as individuals**. This is because the oil that the 5 foolish lacked only comes from a corporate anointing, not individually. It is the anointing for our **horn** (power, strength, victory, authority) that we need to overcome the darkness, especially in the end of this age. We receive **Fresh Oil** every Sunday by assembling together and receiving the blessings of the Sabbath. We don't earn Fresh Oil, it is the flow of the Holy Spirit. In **Zechariah 4:1-14** he asked the angel what are the 2 **olive trees** dripping golden **oil** into the golden **lampstand**. **Zech 4:14** *So he said, "These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth."* **Anointed Ones** literally means; "Sons of **Fresh Oil**" but has a second meaning; **"The Oil That Lights the Lamp!"** The foolish virgins did not have any extra oil; their horn was empty. They had no "Fresh Oil!"

God gave us a **"Trumpet Voice"** on September 13, 2015, our 14<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on the day of Rosh Hashana, the Feast of Trumpets to prophesy today about the Anointed Ones, Fresh Oil and the Horn of the House of Israel.

**Ezek 29:21** *'In that day I will cause the horn of the house of Israel to spring forth, and I will open your mouth to speak in their midst. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.'*

**1 Sam 2:10** *The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed."*

**Ps 132:16-17** *I will also clothe her priests with salvation (Zech 3:4,5), And her saints shall shout aloud for joy. 17 There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.*

**Ps 92:10-11** *But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil. 11 My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies; My ears hear my desire on the wicked Who rise up against me.*

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