

C & C: Cut the Weights and Produce some Fruit

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Romans 13:11-14

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Do you know the time? No matter your answer it is high time to awake out of sleep!

Matthew 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

All ten virgins slumbered and slept! This does not mean that all ten virgins were not watching for the bridegroom! Five of the ten virgins were wise! They were prepared to meet the bridegroom having taken oil in their vessels with their lamps! We are commanded “**Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**” (Mt 24:42) Therefore these five wise virgins were watching, praying, prepared, and ready to meet the bridegroom their Lord.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 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.

10 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.

The five wise virgins though sleeping the natural sleep that all mankind is partaker of was still watching, praying, prepared, and ready to meet the bridegroom their Lord! And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut!

- 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The Lord Jesus knows that all of us must sleep the natural sleep of man. Jesus himself as man also slept.

Matthew 8:23-27

- 23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.
24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.
25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.
26 And he saith unto them, **Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.
27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

The sleep Jesus is speaking of concerning his coming to catch away his bride is that of spiritual sleep. Otherwise anytime a person fell asleep according to that which all mankind are partakers of, that being natural sleep, would be in danger of hellfire because only those that are saved and awake can meet the bridegroom of which we know is not the case since we read concerning the ten virgins that **“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.”** Yet, the five wise virgins **“that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.”**

Mark 13:28-37

- 28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:
29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.
30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.
31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.
33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” (Rm 13:11-14)

- 34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.
35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.
37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Again, the ten virgins “all slumbered and slept” the natural sleep of mankind but five of the ten virgins were spiritually awake!! Having “took oil in their vessels with their lamps” they were watching and prepared for the coming of the bridegroom their Lord!! They were prepared for whether “at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning” for the coming of the bridegroom their Lord!! And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut!!

Cut the Weights and Produce some Fruit!! For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work!! Those that are spiritually awake are producing fruit even as Jesus gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work!! Those that are naturally asleep do not have oil in their lamps nor are they busy about the work that the master of the house left for them to do!!

Luke 21:29-36

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;
30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.
31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.
32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.
33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.
35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Heed the warning!! “lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.” However, for those that are watching and praying, represented by the five wise virgins awaiting their bridegroom, that day will not take you unaware because we are the children of the light and have been watching, praying, and we are prepared and ready to meet the bridegroom our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!!

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.
7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

The five wise virgins are the children of light, and the children of the day!! We are not spiritually asleep as the rest of the whole Earth. For we know the times and the seasons and are producing fruit as the master of the house has gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work!! For we know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night!! But we are not in darkness, that that day should overtake us as a thief!!

We are busy producing fruit, watching, praying, and we are prepared and ready to meet the bridegroom our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!! To the rest of the Earth it's high time to awake out of sleep!! Cut the Weights and Produce some Fruit!!

Matthew 24:42-51

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?
46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

The five wise virgins are busy producing fruit!! For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work!! Those that are spiritually awake are producing fruit even as Jesus gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work!! We have watched and our house will not be broken up as the rest of the whole Earth!! Cut the Weights and Produce some Fruit!!

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;
49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;
50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,
51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The five wise virgins are the children of light, and the children of the day!! We are not spiritually asleep as the rest of the whole Earth. For we know the times and the seasons and are producing fruit as the master of the house has gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work!! For we know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night!! But we are not in darkness, that that day should overtake us as a thief!!

We are busy producing fruit, watching, praying, and we are prepared and ready to meet the bridegroom our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!! To the rest of the Earth it's high time to awake out of sleep!! Cut the Weights and Produce some Fruit!!

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.