

## The Bride

<sup>6</sup>And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

<sup>7</sup>Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. (*Revelation 19:6-7*)

### How did the bride make herself ready?

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

<sup>2</sup>And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

<sup>3</sup>They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

<sup>4</sup>But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

<sup>5</sup>While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

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

<sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

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

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

<sup>12</sup>But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. (*Matthew 25:1-12*)

<sup>3</sup>But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

<sup>4</sup>For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. (*1 Corinthians 11:3-42*)

<sup>6</sup>For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. (*Hosea 6:6*)

<sup>15</sup>Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (*2 Timothy 2:15*)

<sup>10</sup>Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

<sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup>For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

<sup>13</sup>Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

<sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup>And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup>Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

<sup>17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

<sup>18</sup>Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; <sup>19</sup>And for me, that utterance may be given unto me,

that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>For which I am an ambassador in bonds:

that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. (*Ephesians 6:10:20*)

<sup>8</sup>And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. (*Revelation 19:8*)

**She did not come with the fine linen it was given to her.**

<sup>9</sup>And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

<sup>10</sup>And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

<sup>11</sup>And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. (*Revelation 6:9-11*)

**Everything she had done before she arrived was as filthy rags in comparison.**

<sup>6</sup>But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (*Isaiah 64:6*)

<sup>20</sup>Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight:  
for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; <sup>22</sup>Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:

for there is no difference:

<sup>23</sup>For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

<sup>25</sup>Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; <sup>26</sup>To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness:

that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. (*Romans 3:20-26*)

**We will be clothed in His righteousness and everything we have done will be left behind.**

<sup>9</sup>After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; <sup>10</sup>And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. (*Revelation 7:9-10*)

Hence the five Crowns (*or our final reward*)

**Incorruptable Crown**

Crown of **Rejoicing**

Crown of **Righteousness**

Crown of **Life**

Crown of **Glory** (*the bliss of Heaven for eternity*)