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# **“The Parable of the Ten Virgins”**

**MATTHEW 25:1-13**



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6. **God could be sending us a wake-up call to be ready for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.**

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*22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

**Romans 8:21-23**



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- Effectual call: God drawing the elect to Himself

*No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day (John 6:44).*

**The Effectual Call and the  
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- Gospel call: the general call to mankind to be saved

*“<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb” (Revelation 7:9-10).*

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“You must, first of all,  
be renewed in your nature,  
or you will not be ready.  
You must be washed from...  
your sins, or you will not be  
ready. You must be justified in  
Christ’s righteousness,  
and you must put on his ...

**Charles Spurgeon**



“... wedding dress,  
or else you will not be ready.  
You must be reconciled to God,  
you must be made like to God,  
or you will not be ready.  
Or, to come to the parable  
before us,  
you must have a lamp, ...

**Charles Spurgeon**



“...and that lamp must be fed  
with heavenly oil,  
and it must continue to burn  
brightly, or else you will not be  
ready. No child of darkness can  
go into that place of light You  
must be brought out of nature’s  
darkness into God’s ...

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“... marvelous light,  
or else you will never be ready to  
go in with Christ to the marriage,  
and to be forever with him.”

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*47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:*

*48 he is like a man building a house,*

*who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.*

*And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, ...*

**Luke 6:47-49**





*because it had been well built.*

*49 But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.*

**Luke 6:47-49**



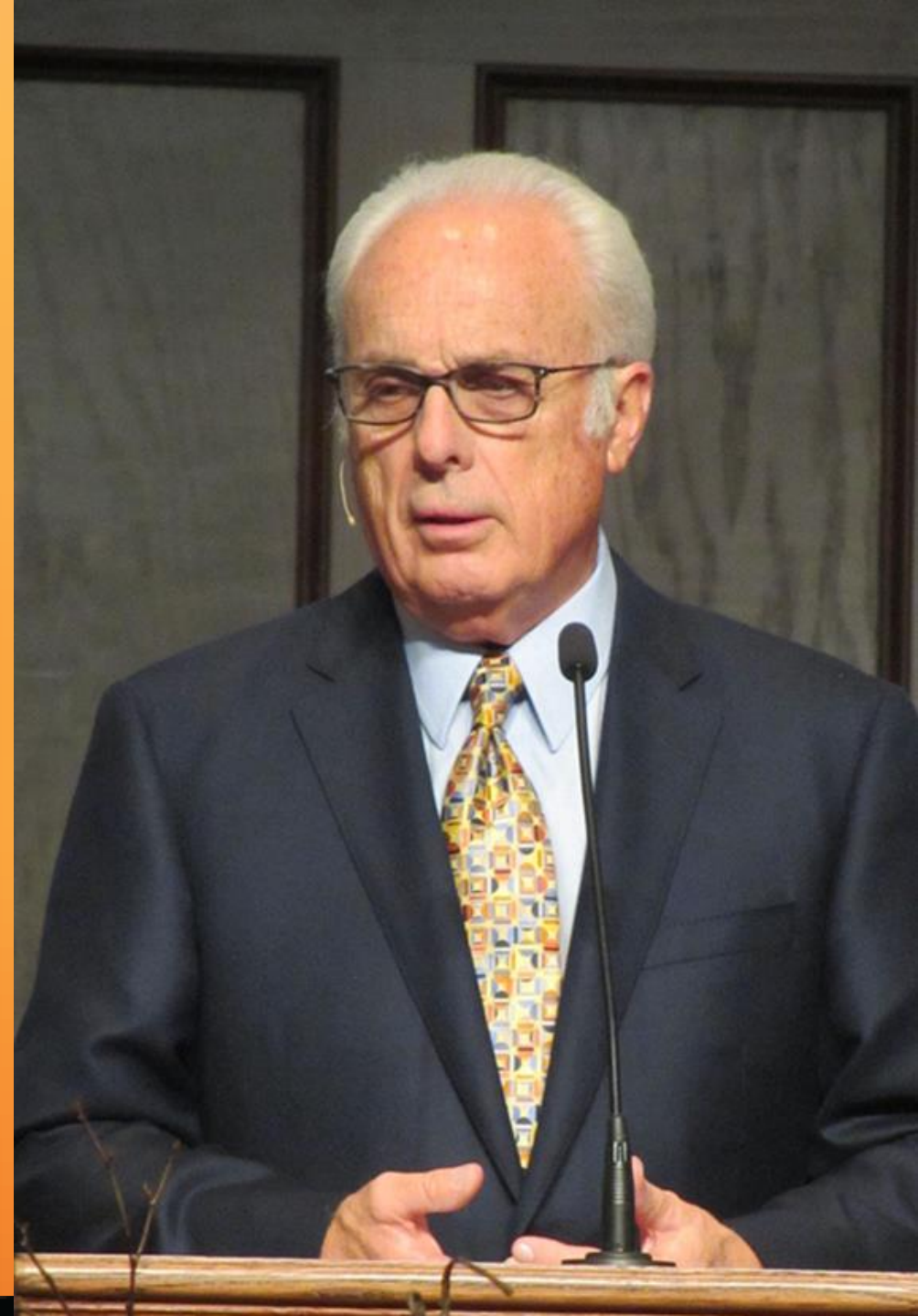
*22 On that day many will say to me,  
'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name,  
and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty  
works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them,  
'I never knew you; depart from me,  
you workers of lawlessness.'*

**Matthew 7:22-23**



“The Lord can look down on every group of bridesmaids, as it were, and accurately judge between who are unbelieving and deceived about their readiness, and therefore foolish, and those who genuinely believe and are...

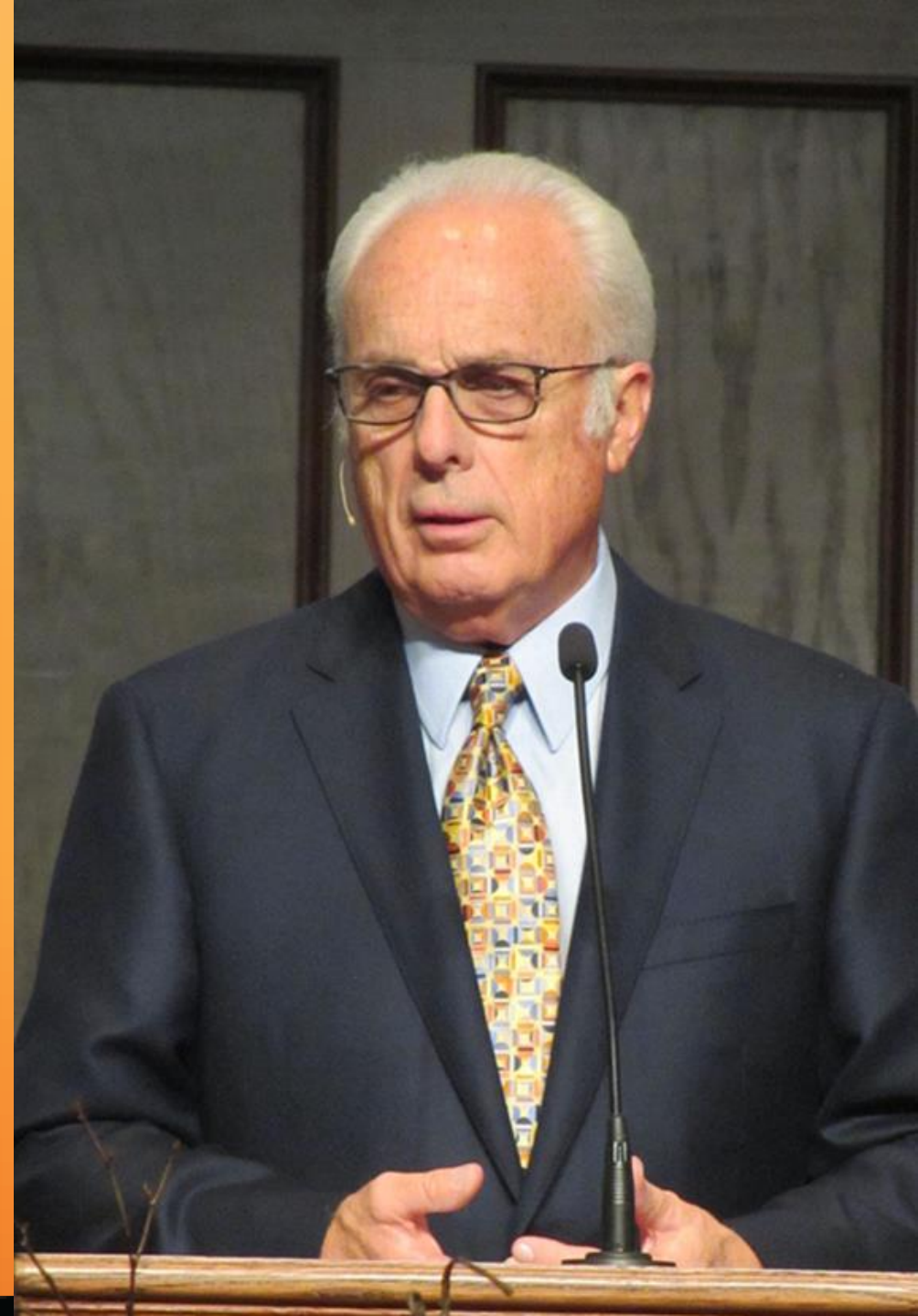
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“...therefore wise.

But when He appears in power and glory at His second coming, the difference will be apparent for all to see. The torches of believers will shine brightly, but those of unbelievers will not even burn.”

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2. The return of Christ will be a surprise.
3. Some who appear religious will not be ready.
4. There are no second chances.

## Four Lessons from This Parable



*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*

**I John 5:13**



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3. The Social Test – I John 2:7-11; 3:11-18; 4:7-21

**How Can We Know for Sure?**



“We have all things in Christ.  
Christ is all things to a Christian.

If we are sick,  
Jesus is a physician. If we thirst,

Jesus is a fountain.

If our sins trouble us,  
Jesus is our righteousness.

If we stand in need of help, ...

**Thomas Brooks**

## Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices



“... Jesus is mighty to save.  
If we fear death, Jesus is life.  
If we are in darkness,  
Jesus is light. If we are weak,  
Jesus is strength.  
If we are in poverty,  
Jesus is plenty.  
If we desire heaven,  
Jesus is the way. ...

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“... The soul cannot say,  
‘this I would have,  
and that I would have.’

But having Jesus,  
he has all he needs—eminently,  
perfectly, eternally.”

**Thomas Brooks**

