

PREACHING No.25: WHY TEN VIRGINS?

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When an authentic prophet is on the scene on the earth, it is the wedding table and the Kingdom of heaven that comes on the earth. And you cannot take part the wedding table in the Heaven unless you take part in the one which takes place on the earth around the prophet of your generation. You cannot enter by the door of the Heavens, at the wedding table, unless you enter by the door of which the prophet-messenger has the keys on the earth. That is why in Gagnoa, at brother Bassiri's, I preached on the subject: *"the keys that turn in the Heaven"*... You see? William Branham was told, beyond the curtain: *"You were sent as a leader on the earth... All that you ever loved, and all that ever loved you, God has given to you..."*

Brother, I keep on saying that the day comes when the sons of Islam and the sons of Christianity will embrace each other on the earth. Like Esau and Jacob, the sons of Isaac and the sons of Ishmael will rejoice together. That's what humanity is awaiting and that will happen... And when we see those kamikazes who do not fear to die for falsehood, you know that, what God said to happen, concerning their sons who shall burn korans in front of their mosques, shall happen. Islam will be shaken starting from its own centre and by its own sons in the name of the Christians' God and it is at that time that the last persecution that the Church is awaiting will begin and thus shall it be and it is because of that hour that God has let subsist and given much fame to a book that is called "the holy Koran".

Christianity advances like the trajectory of the sun and will never back. You see? Asia then Europe then America, race after race, continent after continent... but bear in mind that when God has finished harvesting the children of the kingdom in a country, it is over. The remainder, they are the regrowing wheat that will be harvested timidly during the next action of God on the earth. You see? When William Branham was ministering, America was hot but Europe was formalist almost indifferent and could not do anything. God should only remember the regrowing wheat of the seed of Wesley, Luther, Whitefield, Calvin and others. Brethren, know that a messenger will never rise again in Europe. You see? When you make a field of wheat or rice, there are regrowing plants after the harvest. That was what occurred with Asia when God was dealing with Europe. And that was what occurred with Europe when God was dealing with America. That is what is going on with America and Europe today. The ministry that God will bless in Europe or America or Asia today is the one that will take this Message to harvest the regrowing wheat of Europe, America and Asia. Amen! If not it is absolutely impossible that a true prophet-messenger may rise from America or Europe today. In the days of Paul and the Apostles, Asia was the hottest continent. In the days of Luther and Wesley, Europe was the hottest continent. In the days of William Branham, America was the hottest continent. And now you see that Africa is becoming the hottest continent of Christianity...

May God bless you! Well, this evening, I would like to talk about the subject: *Why are the virgins of Matth.25 ten?* You see? Why are there ten maidens for the Lord, it is about that I would like to talk now. Why five virgins? Is this a type of the Bride of Christ coming from all the nations as the type of Solomon and David who took several wives shows it? No! Are they the virgin maidens who accompany the Bride as we can see it in Est.2:9? That was what I thought before the revelation comes to me. I also thought that it was the fact that she was coming from all the nations. And a good theologian can teach that and because of his reputation and his fame, people will believe. They teach all that appears logical to them and the world hearkens to them because it is logical. But he that God sends, says the words of God. You see? When I was at school, I made all my effort in the exercises and homework that the professor gave and I expected some *twenty out of twenty* or at least, at least, at least... seventeen out of twenty if the professor were severe in the correction but when the corrected papers came, I could hear: *"Kacou Philip... six out of twenty!"* And that also made me wise and conscious for the things of God. For, if for human things I did not prevail therefore, it is not for the things of God that I will prevail by my intelligence.

Well, let's come back to our passage of Matth.25:6... rather Matth.25:1... Why several virgins? I did not know it until four days ago and if somebody spoke about that somewhere, I do not know. And as usual, I teach it publicly before knowing what somebody might think of that.

Well, let's read Matth.25:1 now, verse 1 only: *"Then shall the kingdom of the heavens be made like to ten virgins that having taken their torches, went forth to meet the bridegroom."*

I would like to specify that when the Church started from the time of the Apostles up to now, she was never two or three or five virgin maidens for our Lord but only one. Paul does not say in 2 Co.11:2 that he espoused us like virgin maidens to Christ but like only one pure Bride to Christ. You see? But here as in the days of Joshua, the spiritual Israel appears separate, each one in his lot, I will say: each one in a lot. From Joseph's days to Moses, Israel was never separated but in Joshua's days that happened, Israel was divided up. The Church was only one maiden until, at midnight, the prophet sees ten virgin maidens in their maturity. And he says: *"shall the Kingdom... be made like to ten virgins..."* In future tense. That is to say: some day shall come when the Church-Bride will appear as ten virgins. And it should not be but at the time of maturity. Amen! That's it.

Well, let's take... After Moses, there was Joshua and the second example that is the nearest to us is that of Elijah and Elisha. You see? Moses and Joshua, Elijah and Elisha, then finally Branham and our time. Three, that's perfect. Moses, Elijah and Branham. Joshua, Elisha and Matth.25:6. That's perfect and everything's right. Look throughout the Bible and you will see that there is no confusion, no disorder in Him. And no confusion for him that expects Him like a child. The Bible and the prophets show us that the infallibility of God for humans passes always through one man and if He is the same yesterday, today and to the ages to come, what He did in the Old Testament, He can do likewise today. And no one can be infallible unless He awaits the revelation of God first because God alone is infallible. Jesus, God Himself, says: *"I can do nothing save whatever I see the Father doing first"*. And perfection and the perfect will of God and infallibility are fruits of: *"I can do*

nothing save whatever I see the Father doing first..." And that is the sole thing God can recognize. And all that cannot be done without patience. God does nothing without patience. Jesus Himself could minister at twelve years old but He waited up to thirty years old. And from twelve to thirty years old, it ran out: eighteen years. And from 1993 to 2002, that makes nine years. You see? If you therefore receive a call and all you do does not thrive, and you feel a pressure, a traditional fetish priest is suitable to explain you that it is simply a genius that has his hand upon you. You see? The prosperity that I experienced between 1993 and the beginning of this ministry, I have not experienced it again ever since I am preaching. [Ed: *the congregation says: Amen!*].

Well, let's take 2 Kings 2 now, talking about Elijah and Elisha... Elijah exercised a blessed ministry after which ministry he was enraptured in a constellation of angels. And this ministry was the last of that kind during which the spiritual Church of Israel was perfectly united in spirit and body. When they also saw that this man could call fire down out of heaven in 1 Kings 18... that this man could call fire out of heaven to consume tens of humans, that he could cause the rain to come, create, resuscitate... there was something to fend off and keep united, the danel and the wheat and especially the Church-Bride in only one virgin. But above that, it was the Spirit who gave them to behave. And that is what the dispensation of the Spirit gave them to do. You see? There were not five or ten virgins to meet the Bridegroom but only one virgin maiden. Amen! If you do not see or you do not understand what I am saying, observe the nearest ministry of the kind of Elijah and Moses, the ministry of William Branham. When William Branham was preaching, there was no assembly of such or such a district of Jeffersonville and even those who were in very distant cities were connected to him by telephone during the preaching. And you see that the true branhamist tendency in the eyes of God, that is to say, the one that is on the side of Ewald Frank still keeps this spirit; in a city, they do not have but only one assembly... it is not only here but it is everywhere in the world.

But when Elisha entered the scene, the most experienced prophets came to bow down but the Bible says... Let's read that in... He or she that sees that can read! Ok! I have got it... *"And the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho on the opposite side saw him, and they said, The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him, and said to him..."*. You see? They recognized the ministry of Elisha and I have said that any pastor or preacher leading a church, who can discern that this Message is true and who accepts it and preaches this Message in the same spirit as us, has the spirit of a prophet. He is a son of prophet, that is to say a prophet. And there were some everywhere: in Bethel, in Gilgal, in Jericho... If that pastor or apostle or whatever is not a greedy Gehazi then he is a true prophet after the example of him that Elisha sent before Naaman, the Syrian. The spirit that put the care for prosperity and competition above the Salvation of souls is that of Gehazi and it was in the age of Elisha that he worked openly. You say: "Brother Philip, our pastor or preacher is a prophet? Being a prophet, it is not an event... that is what he is! Amen! I am speaking about all those ones who were pastors, leading a church before meeting the midnight Cry. Amen!

Now notice that these prophets never gathered together with the person of Elisha and the Bible goes further to say that they stood at a distance, on the opposite side of Elisha. Amen! Let's read that: *"And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite afar off; and they two stood by the Jordan."*... With Joshua there were twelve virgin maidens and the number twelve in relation with the twelve tribes of Israel. It is spoken here about five to symbolize the grace by which she is saved. In the beginning, all the unbelieving group of Moses fell in the desert and from this Bride of Judaism appeared several... and five is the figure of the grace like the five letters of Josué [Ed: *French for Joshua*]. And as Vashti and the branhamists fell and Esther was chosen by grace like the five letters of Hegai, at the end, the Bride of the nations also appears under the grace and under the final ministry of he that rides Africa; for this time an African horseman for the ministry of the rapture. [Ed: *the congregation says: Amen!*]. Five, it is grace and eight, it is the Eternity and rapture. And how many know that seven, it is fulfillment? [Ed: *the congregation says: Amen!*]. In December 1965, William Branham left the earth and God counts: one, two, three, four, five, six and seven years and in December 1972, in the seventh year and December the seventh, He brings back the messenger of Matth.25:6 on earth. Isn't this wonderful? [Ed: *the congregation says: Amen!*]. Thus, there are not ten assemblies but five assemblies of two camps each as Son.6:13 shows it. And all that is clearly shown in Ez.1:16 which says this: *"The appearance of the wheels and their work was as the look of a chrysolite; and they four had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel."* You see? Notice this: *"... and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel"*. There are five assemblies and their appearance and their work were as if a virgin was within a virgin. That's perfect! May God bless you!

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