

What Is God Judging You for?

Scripture reading: Matthew 25:6-13

When you get baptized in the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God comes into your spirit. He does not come into your soul. So when you get baptized in the Holy Ghost the Spirit of God is in your spirit. When you consider the wise virgins in Matthew 25, they had God's Spirit in their spirit and God's Spirit in their soul. Let me tell you what I mean. The Lord begins to say, "So and so, do so and so, don't do so and so, do so and so," and you begin to obey the Lord. Do you know what happens to you? The Spirit of God gets into your mind, and obedience to God becomes a part of your life. You walk with God, and it becomes part of your nature. That means that if you are even sleeping, you will dream that you obey God! The Spirit that is in your spirit must move in your soul, that means in your mind. The way you think has a great deal to do with your whole life function. I am telling you, none of us naturally think the way of the Lord. We have to continuously struggle to keep our thoughts in the way of God for the bombardment of the thoughts from everywhere are coming upon us, and we have to continually, continually repeat the Word of God. The Word of God will drive the devils out of your mind.

A brother once told me, "Brother, I am just devastated by carnality. Before I was saved, I used to love to read pornography magazines. I have never been able to get rid of it. It comes popping up before me. When I see the sisters, the pornography comes before me." Many times the sisters feel bad when I say they need to dress properly because there is a certain amount of temptation that goes to the brothers. I want you to know that there are brothers who are saved but still have trouble. Maybe some sisters have trouble, too. They have to fight in their minds to get out the pornography that was there from years ago. God said it can be done by the Blood of Jesus Christ. And also, some kind cometh not out but by fasting and prayer (Matthew 17:21). You have to fast and pray until God purifies your mind. Some people say, "Well, maybe I need to get married." It is the worst thing you could do! If you are suffering from carnality, the worst thing you could do is to marry, because you will be taking the carnality home, and you will be training it. Amen.

It is like the foolish virgins. They did not get their souls fixed. Get the things that are in your soul fixed NOW! The things that are in your mind, your emotions. Some people's emotions run away with them! God Almighty wants you to fix your emotions! If a person finds that he gets angry, whether it be easily or not, don't take it simple. For God's sake, right now, get down on it! Do not allow anger to reign in your being, because anger is a sign that a devil is ministering death to you! It is a sign. Remember now, anger is only a manifestation. What is causing it? It is something in your emotions for which your soul wants some oil. Amen. The man who gets angry is the same man whose emotions are out of control. That will lead him into fornication and other different areas. Therefore, you cannot allow anger to continue. Tell God today, "I don't want anger in my being anymore!" Many of us have gifts of the Spirit but the gifts are being hindered by the things that we allow in our souls. Do not allow anything in your soul anymore that is not of God. If your mind is slipping off unto carnality, see to it that it is stopped, don't let it continue.

I know some sisters that wear long dresses to service, because of course, they believe that's the norm. But as they get home, they take it off and put on shorts. What's the meaning of that? The meaning is that there is something in the mind that you have not overcome. You want to be feeling worldly, looking worldly, but because you are in an association where people will look at you, you pretend while you are with them. You might as well wear the shorts to service. At least we will all know what the problem is.

You need to understand that God is not judging you for how you look right now. God is judging you for what's in the mind, and what is manifesting in the mind, is what God is saying. Somebody asks, "Oh, I want to be among the wise virgins." The wise virgins paid for their oil. They didn't get it for nothing. You have to suffer to get rid of the things that are in you that are not pleasing to God. You have to suffer. I remember the days when I said to God, "Kill me. This thing is not going to destroy my spiritual life. For I see Jesus, I see God, I see righteousness, this is what I want. I do not want the other thing!" So, do we

have a people who are willing to give up their lives to receive life? To give up what you like, what you want to do, what you feel like inside in order to have the life of God, to be among the wise virgins?

Do you believe there is a time when the door is going to be closed, and there will be nobody else accepted to be in the bride class? If you believe there is such a time, when do you believe the time is going to be? Let me tell you something else, too. There are some people who are disqualified before the selection. Disqualified before the selection! The reason is, they have crossed the line and made up their mind that they are not going to make it, so they just go. That cannot be done unless you are motivated by the devil. For God is doing everything possible to make His people be the first fruits! Everybody! And, He is doing everything possible for you, too.

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