

WCBC ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - FEB 16, 2020

TOPIC: TWELVE NT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT

 Sermon 11: *A Prayer Of Hopelessness!*

TEXT: Matthew 25:1-13

INTRO: Wedding In Christ's Time!

I. THE SYMBOLS:

- 1. The "ten virgins" - v.1

Note: They represent those who await Christ's Second Coming bodily!

- 2. "lamps" (torches) - v.1

Note: They represent a Christian's testimony!

- 3. The "bridegroom" - v.1

Note: Represents Christ! - II Corinthians 11:2

- 4. The "oil" - v.3

Note: Represents the Holy Spirit! - Acts 10:38

II. THE FOOLISH VIRGINS: vv. 2, 3, 8-10

- 1. They were sincerely, but foolishly awaiting the bridegroom - v.3

- Charles T. Russell

- 2. They thought the "oil" could either be given or loaned by others - v.8

III. THE WISE VIRGINS: vv. 2, 4

- 1. They took "oil" with them while awaiting the bridegroom - v.4

- 2. They let their torches, that is, their testimony, shine - v.8

- St. Francis of Assisi!

- 3. They were prepared! - v.10

Note: They were "ready!"

How Does A True, Born Again Christian Be Ready While Awaiting Christ's Return? - Ephesians 5:1-17

- 1. Be careful on how we conduct ourselves - v.15

- 2. Maximize our time for God - v.16

- 3. Understand God's will for our lives - v.1

CONCLUSION: "Keep watch!"

Are You Prepared For Christ's Second Coming!

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

2. God won't ask the square footage of your home, but will ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

3. God won't ask about the fancy clothes you had in your closet, but will ask how many of those clothes helped the needy.

4. God won't ask about your social status, but will ask what kind of class you displayed.

5. God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but will ask if they dictated your life.

6. God won't ask what your highest salary was, but will ask if you compromised your character to obtain that salary.

7. God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but will ask if you worked overtime for your family and loved ones.

8. God won't ask how many promotions you received, but will ask you how you promoted others.

9. God won't ask what your job title was, but will ask you if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

10. God won't ask you what you did to help yourself, but will ask what you did to help others.

11. God won't ask you how many friends you had, but will ask how many people to whom you were a true friend.

12. God won't ask you what you did to protect your rights, but will ask what you did to protect the rights of others.

13. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but will ask how you treated your neighbors.

14. God won't ask about the color of your skin, but will ask the content of your character.

15. God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but will ask how many times they didn't. - Source Unknown

Verse For Today

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour!" Matthew 25:13

Thought For Today

Around the dial of a clock in Strasburg, Germany, are these words: "One of these hours the Lord is coming!" - Paul L. Tan

