

"If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies, Yet the distance makes no difference. He is praying for me."- McCheyne.

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Georgetown College Shows Contempt For God And His Word

On November 15th., the young men of Georgetown College wore women's dresses, under-clothing, and make-up from morning until late evening, while the young women attended all classes for that entire day dressed only in their pajamas, and all this was allowed for the sake of what was called "Class Day Exercises."

Well, this beats anything this editor has read of in many a day. By this act, Georgetown College shows her utter contempt for God and His Word.

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" — I Timothy 2:9, 10.

One Kentucky pastor writes: "I am certain northern liberal universities would think that such a make up was beneath the dignity and decency of normal folk. Yet here is a Baptist school which glorifies the way of lawlessness." What in this world is wrong with the professors at Georgetown College who sat idly by and allowed the lads and lassies of the college to attend their classes in this manner? I dare say that not one of them had Sunday School maxims and religious proverbs running through his mind while teaching that day.

What in the world is the matter with President Hill? It seems hard to understand how that he, as a Baptist preacher and president of the college, could urge every Baptist to support such an institution in the light of the actions of his students of that day.

What in the world is wrong with the Education Board who is trying to raise two and a half million dollars for Kentucky Baptist colleges? There are lots of Baptists in the state who will never give a penny to education until they are given absolute assurance that there will be no repetition of the

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THE SHELTER

Early in 1941, German bombers swooped low over Cardiff, Wales, and many lives were lost, as well as much property destroyed. One human incident was related showing God's providence over His people.

A family of eight or nine were playing parlor games on that eventful night. They were dressed, ready to go out into the street if necessary. Suddenly they heard the approach of a bomber, and

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Why Does The Courier-Journal Continually Lambast Senator Chandler?

On Tuesday, February 15th., the Courier Journal stooped to the lowest type of journalism, in its vicious and malicious attack upon Senator A. B. Chandler.

Well, here's how it happened. Tom Swope of Winchester, a disgruntled Democrat, prepared over three weeks previously, a resolution denouncing Senator Chandler which, because it was unethical, illegal and contrary to House rules, was not permitted to be presented before the legislative body at Frankfort. When Swope was unable to get his resolution before the House, he then read it as a matter of personal privilege. Though the Courier Journal had these facts before them and knew that it was a purely personal attack which was wholly beneath the dignity of the body of law makers, they used thirty-eight col-

umns of space to get personal vengeance on Senator Chandler.

I don't like that type of journalism.

For a long time everything that Senator Chandler has said or done has been viciously assailed by the Courier Journal.

Yet there's a reason for it. Mark Ethridge, editor of the Courier Journal, is a destroyer. He is not a builder. His reputation for years is that of a destroyer. Tracing backward to his Mississippi home, including his exodus to the state of Georgia, you will find ruin and destruction in his wake. I repeat, he is not a builder, but a destroyer.

He and others have said much about Happy's swimming pool. I have personally investigated this and find that there is less than a hundred dollars worth of scrap iron used, and yet Mark Ethridge

has made it appear that Senator Chandler has sinned grievously in accepting this swimming pool from a friend.

This is just one of the many little vicious and venomous tirades and attacks that Mark Ethridge has made on the Junior Senator from Kentucky.

The Courier Journal also scurrilously attacks Senator Chandler and refers to him as a globe trotting senator all because he was selected as one of the five senators to inspect the battle fields last year. I think Kentucky ought to be proud of the fact that one of our senators was selected for this purpose.

The hatred and venom and malice shown by the Courier Journal toward Senator Chandler is unthinkable. It has even gotten to

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Did Jesus' Church Begin At Pentecost?

In a seventeen column inch paid advertisement in the Ironton Daily News, Roosevelt York, who claims to be pastor of the Apostolic Gospel church, — a Holy Roller organization at Ironton, Ohio, said: "The New Testament church was founded on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2"

I only mention Mr. York and his so-called Pentecostal church, in order to give you some Scriptural reasons why the church was not established on the day of Pentecost, but rather, was established during the lifetime of Jesus.

1. It had a rule of discipline before Pentecost. Matt. 18:15-17.

2. We read that Jesus sang in the church. Heb. 2:12. The only time that Jesus ever sang, so far as we have any record of it is concerned, is at the institution of the Lord's Supper. Mark 14:26. This was before Pentecost.

3. They had a business meeting before the day of Pentecost and elected a successor to take the

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Except

"Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Psalm 127:1.

Likewise:

1. Except the Lord regenerate, they labor in vain that educate, imitate, emulate, and dedicate.
2. Except the Lord energize, they labor in vain that plan, push, puff, preach, plead, perform, and palaver.
3. Except the Lord make humble, they labor in vain that profess, suppress, and impress.
4. Except the Lord make beautiful, they labor in vain that powder, paint, pluck, and polish.
5. Except the Lord unite, they labor in vain that associate, co-operate, federate, and consolidate.
6. Except the Lord make peace, they labor in vain that devise, philosophize, fraternalize, temporize and commercialize.
7. Except the Lord rule, they labor in vain that legislate, adjudicate, mediate, regulate, subjugate and assassinate.

— Faith and Works

Why Jeter's Third Wife Was Baptized

J. B. Jeter's wife was a Presbyterian. A baby was born in that home. His wife said something about like this: Mr. Jeter, you knew I was a Presbyterian when you married me. As an honest Presbyterian, I believe that our baby ought to be baptized." He consented on condition that she would consent to his holding the baby while the ceremony was performed. She thought it would be a feather in her cap to have the most prominent Baptist preacher in Virginia and one of the best known Baptist editors in the South to hold their baby, while a Presbyterian preacher baptized it. So she consented. J. B. Jeter announced in his church in Richmond, that he would be out of his pulpit to be present at the Presbyterian church and why. That church was jammed and packed. The scholarly and dignified Presbyterian preacher preached and then announced that those who had babies to be baptized would please bring them

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The Testimony Of The Historians As To The Church Jesus Built

We give testimony of the following historians concerning Baptists:

1. JOHN CLARK RIDPATH (Methodist): "I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist church as far back as 100 A. D., although without a doubt there were Baptists then, as all Christians were then Baptists." (From a letter written by Ridpath to Dr. Jarrel, and quoted in Jarrel's "Church Perpetuity," page 59).

2. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL (Follower of Disciples or "Christian" Church): "The sentiments of Baptists and their practice of Baptism from the apostolic age to the present have had a continued chain of advocates and public monuments of their existence IN EVERY CENTURY (emphasis mine) can be produced." (Page 378, 379 of the Campbell-McCalla Debate, held at Washington, Ky., Oct. 15, 1823). "Hence it is that the Baptist denomination in all ages AND IN ALL CENTURIES (emphasis mine), has been as a body the constant asserters of the rights of man and liberty of conscience." (Baptism, page 409).

3. MOSHEIM (Lutheran): "Before the rise of Luther and Calvin, there lay secreted in almost all the countries of Europe persons who adhered tenaciously to the principles of the modern Dutch Baptists."

"The origin of the Baptists is lost in the remote depths of antiquity."

"The first century was a history of the Baptists."

4. ZWINGLI (co-laborer with John Calvin, Presbyterian): "The institution of the Anabaptists is no novelty, but for 1300 years has caused great trouble in the church."

5. CARDINAL HOSTIUS (Catholic) PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF TRENT, Dec. 13, 1545, — Dec. 4, 1563: "Were it not for the fact that

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HOW TO PAY YOUR DEBT

An oculist who was expert in his profession, but with few patients as yet, one day saw a blind man on a street. He stopped him and asked if he might look at his eyes. A comparatively slight operation proved successful, and the man exclaimed, "How can I thank you enough? I am poor and have no money."

"Oh yes," said the oculist. "You can repay me in one way. You can search for others who cannot see

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"THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS"

(Read Matthew 25:1-13)

In human life no event excites the emotions, stirs the affections, and stimulates hope like that of marriage. It is often even amusing to thus observe the excitement which marriage creates. I have break out with great beads of sweat — not perspiration — but old fashioned sweat, when they joined their right hands they would hold their hands straight up

in the air, and on at least one occasion, I have actually not only told the lad to put his arm down, but had to assist him in doing so. Even on the coldest winter days I have seen both men and women break out with great beads of sweat — not perspiration — but old fashioned sweat, when they were being joined in matrimony. I even remember when I was mar-

ried that Mrs. Gilpin became so excited and nervous that she tore a five dollar bill into shreds which she was carrying loose in her jacket pocket.

So it is with the marriage of the Lamb. It thrills our souls to think of this coming marriage which will be the consummation of all of Christ's promises. This parable tells

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forward. Bro. Jeter and his wife arose and he took the baby in his arms and they walked to the front. He was careful to get at the end where they were to begin. Quite a number of other parents had children present for that purpose. Just as the honored pastor of that Presbyterian church raised his hand to say the baptismal formula and baptize Bro. Jeter's baby, Bro. Jeter said something like this: "My brother, you and I have been good friends for many years. My wife has been a member of your church for years and I have never tried to proselyte her to my faith. But as a Baptist I believe that we ought to be able to give a 'Thus saith the Lord' for all that we do. This is my baby as well as my wife's. Before you sprinkle my child, I want you to take your Bible and read out of the Book your authority for what you are about to do." The scholarly, old-school Presbyterian preacher slowly raised his hand and pronounced the benediction. Mrs. Jeter soon became a Baptist. She said that her pastor was one of the most scholarly Presbyterian preachers in all of the South. If he could not find infant baptism in the Bible, then it must not be there. If infant baptism was not in the Bible, she had never been baptized, for infant baptism was all she had ever had. With an open Bible she soon was led to the truth and obeyed her Lord in baptism. The Bible was written to make Baptists and it will do the work in every regenerate heart if they will only read it and obey it.

— Boyce Taylor

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place of Judas. Acts 1:15-26. 4. The apostles were in the church before the day of Pentecost. I Cor. 1:12-28. The first ones who were put in the church were the apostles, and this was at least three years before the day of Pentecost.

5. The church had its commission to preach before Pentecost. Matt. 10:7.

6. The church had its authority to baptize before Pentecost. John 4:2.

7. The church had the Lord's Supper before Pentecost. Matt. 26:30.

8. The keys of the kingdom were given to it before Pentecost. Matt. 16:19.

9. It had a church roll before Pentecost with 120 names on the roll. Acts 1:15.

10. To this church there were about 3,000 additions on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:42. If I were to tell you I was going to add \$200 to my bank account, this would imply that I have a bank account to begin with. In view of the fact that three thousand were added to the church on the day of Pentecost then we are lead to believe that the church was in existence before Pentecost.

Let Mr. York, or any other heretic who believes that the church was founded on the day of Pentecost, answer these ten reasons. Until such an answer is forth-coming, accept only the Word of God and not the words of false prophets.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." — Isa. 8:20.

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they rushed into the street. The house crashed around their ears.

Out of the rubble and chaos someone called, "Is anyone hurt?" "No."

Then one began to sing, and the others joined in. Standing in the midst of death and disaster, the singer started:

"O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

"Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure,
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defensive is sure."

Friend, in the strife and struggle of today have you your hope, stayed on Christ, the Rock of ages? It is well to have acquaintance with Him now, so that you may call upon Him in the day of trouble.

— Sunday School Times

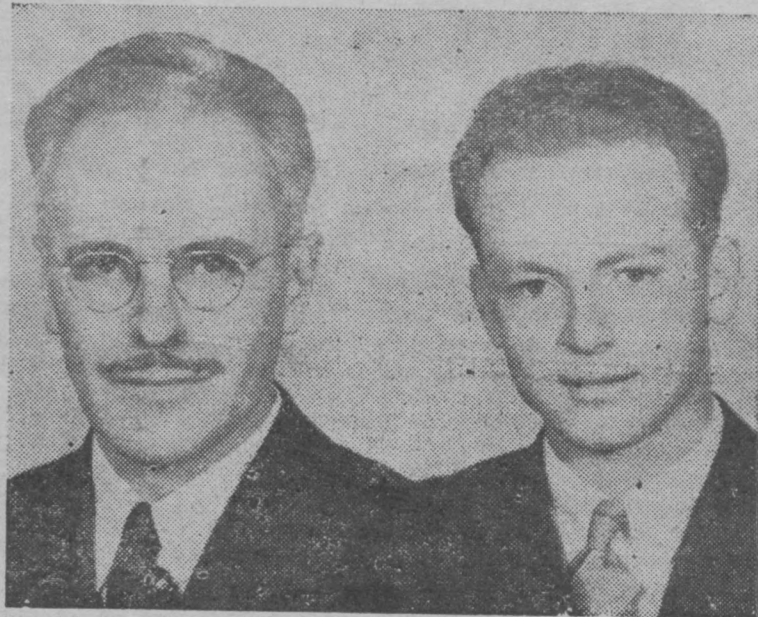
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the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the PAST 1200 YEARS (emphasis mine), they would swarm greater than all the reformers."

"If the truth of religion were to be judged by the readiness and boldness of which a man of any sect shows in suffering, then the opinions and persuasions of no sect can be truer and surer than those of the Anabaptists, since there have been none FOR THE 1200 YEARS PAST, (emphasis mine) that have been more generally punished or that have been more cheerfully and steadfastly

Evangelists Spencer and Graves



Evangelist E. A. Spencer and Song director Freddie Graves, of Monticello, Kentucky, conducted a Bible Conference for the First Missionary Baptist Church of Coalgrove, Ohio, February 14-18, with great spiritual results in behalf of the church. The meeting was attended by large crowds and with unusual interest on the part

of those who heard these two men of God. This editor has said in the past, and repeats it now, that Evangelist Spencer makes the plan of salvation plainer than any man he has ever heard. Actually, after hearing him these five nights in Coalgrove, I believe that he is the greatest gospel preacher to whom I have ever listened.

undergone, and have been offered themselves to the most cruel sort of punishment than those people."

6.

ROBERT BARCLAY (Quaker): "There are also reasons for believing that on the continent of Europe small hidden societies, who have the opinions of the Anabaptists, have EXISTED FROM THE TIME OF THE APOSTLES" (emphasis mine).

7.

EDINBURGH CYCLOPEOIA (Presbyterian): "It must have already occurred to our readers that the Baptists are the same sect of Christians that were formerly described as the Anabaptists. Indeed this seems to have been their leading principles from the time of Tertullian to the present time."

YPEIG AND DERMOUT (Dutch Reformed Church): In 1819 the king of Holland appointed Chaplain Dermout and Prof. Ypeig, to write a history of the Dutch Reformed Church. These learned men did so, and in the authentic volume which they prepared and published at Breda, they devote one chapter to the Baptists, in which they say:

"We have now seen that the Baptists, who were formerly called Anabaptists, and in later times Mennonites, were the original Waldenses, and who long in the history of the church received the honor of that origin. On this account, the Baptists may be considered the only Christian community WHICH HAS STOOD SINCE THE DAYS OF THE APOSTLES, and as a Christian society has preserved pure the doctrines of the Gospel THROUGH ALL THE AGES (above emphasis mine) The perfectly correct internal and external economy of the Baptist denomination tends to confirm the truth disputed by the Romish church that the Reformation brought about in the 16th century was in the highest degree necessary; and at the same times goes to refute the erroneous notion of the Catholics that their communion is the most ancient." (History of the

Dutch Reformed Church, Vol. 1, page 148.)

10.

PROFESSOR WM. CECIL DUNCAN, Professor of Latin and Greek, University of Louisiana: "Baptists do not, as do most Protestant denominations, date their origin from the Reformation of 1520. By means of that great religious movement, indeed, they were brought forth from comparative obscurity, into prominent notice, and through it a new and power impulse was given to their principles and practices in all of those countries which had renounced allegiance to the Pope of Rome. They did not, however, originate with the Reformation, for long before Luther lived, NAY, LONG BEFORE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH HERSELF WAS KNOWN, BAPTISTS AND BAPTIST CHURCHES EXISTED AND FLOURISHED IN EUROPE, IN ASIA, AND IN AFRICA." (emphasis mine).

11.

"CROSSING THE CENTURIES," edited by Wm. C. King, having as associate counsellors, editors, collaborators and contributors as:

Cardinal Gibbons, Roman Catholic; Bishop John H. Vincent, Methodist; President Theodore Roosevelt, President Woodrow Wilson, W. H. P. Faunce, president of Brown University; Albert Bushnell Hart, Ph. D., LL. D., Litt. D., head of History Dep't., Harvard Univ.; George B. Adams, M. A., Ph. D., Litt. D., of Yale and many more such famous men, says:

"Of the Baptists it may be said that they are not reformers. These people, comprising bodies of Christian believers known under various names in different countries, are entirely distinct and independent of the Roman and Greek churches, HAVE AN UNBROKEN CONTINUITY OF EXISTENCE FROM APOSTOLIC DAYS DOWN THROUGH THE CENTURIES (the emphasis again mine). Throughout this long period they were bitterly persecuted for heresy, driven from

country to country, disfranchised, deprived of their property, imprisoned, tortured, and slain by thousands, yet they swerved not from their New Testament faith, doctrine and adherence."

12.

ROBERT BRUCE SMITH: "With all my heart I believe that the Baptists have a history parallel with the history of Christianity."

ALEXIS MASSTIN: "They are in our view, primitive Christians or inheritors of the primitive church, who have been preserved in these valleys, and it is not the who separated from Catholicism from them."

14.

A FRENCH FREE THINKER: "Perhaps the Baptists are the only Christians in the world among whom a Christian of the first century would find himself at home. Thus we have shown by FOURTEEN witnesses, not Baptists, that the Baptists have been the church against which 'the gates of hell shall not prevail.' — Bulletin, First Baptist Church, Paintsville, Ky.

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and tell them what I did for them and bring them to me."

It is true that you and I can never repay Christ for what He has done for us, but we can show our gratitude by telling others about Him and bring them to Him. The sense of gratitude for what Christ did for us on Calvary is the strongest motive for Christian service.

— Select

"Reynolds' Baptist Booklet Offer"

The first edition of Elder George R. Reynolds' little Baptist doctrinal booklet is nearly exhausted, and the author makes this special offer: He will mail postpaid twenty-five copies to any Baptist pastor or deacon desiring to distribute them in the church for only one dollar.

Brother Reynolds was formerly a Methodist pastor, and this booklet, 'Essential Belief,' discusses twelve of the great doctrinal positions that are held by Baptists.

The author is pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church at Maysville. He has a personal soul-winning tract entitled 'Becoming Christian,' which is being mailed out free to those who write for it.

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the story of the marriage of that day, or at least gives the events immediately prior to, and preparatory to, the marriage of the Lamb. This parable is unlike the balance in that it is introduced by the word, "then." Listen: "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins." This indicates that the kingdom of heaven is not now likened unto ten virgins, nor has it ever been, but at some future date it will be like unto ten virgins.

I

The bridegroom in this parable represents the Lord Jesus. Although there may be a great deal of difference in the meaning of Christ's bride, there has never been any controversy relative to the bridegroom. All the commentaries are unanimous in declaring that the bridegroom represents the Lord Jesus. David, Solomon, Isaiah, John the Baptist, and all the apostles referred to Him under this interesting figure. Listen:

"Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast." — Matt. 9:14, 15.

"Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease." — John 3:28-30.

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son." — Matt. 22:2.

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." — 2 Cor. 11:2.

Thus from these few Scriptures and from many others which we might present, we see that the bridegroom is figurative of Jesus Himself.

II

While there is a unanimity of opinion as to the meaning of the bridegroom, there is a wide divergence as to who is represented by the ten virgins. The common and familiar interpretation is that the ten virgins represent both saved and unsaved. It is most often preached that the five wise virgins represent those who are saved whereas the five foolish virgins represent those who are lost. I do not believe that this is true.

I think that the ten virgins represent saved people and that each of the ten had been redeemed. I believe that the five foolish virgins were just as much God's children as the five wise ones. There are at least five reasons why I thus believe.

My first reason for believing that these ten virgins were all saved, is that they are called "virgins." The word "virgins" means chaste and pure. I don't believe that Jesus would thus speak of the unsaved. I do not believe that He

would refer to an unsaved person as a virgin, in view of the meaning of this word.

As a second reason, I believe that these ten were saved in that they were all betrothed. They had all pledged their affection to Jesus. You will notice that it was not the five wise ones, — but all of them had thus plighted their troth to Him.

As a third reason for believing that all were saved, you will observe that all ten of them had turned their backs upon the world and had gone forth to meet the bridegroom. Unsaved folk have not done so. Unsaved folk have never turned their backs upon the world. Unsaved folk are not interested in meeting the bridegroom.

In the fourth place, I believe that these ten virgins were all saved in view of the fact that each of these virgins possessed a lamp. What does the lamp represent? Listen:

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." — Psal. 119:105.

"For the commandment is a lamp." — Prov. 6:23.

You will observe that the Word of God is spoken of as a lamp. Unless the Word of God is professed and lived in the life, it is valueless. Thus the fact that each virgin carried a lamp indicates that each had professed to be living according to the Word of God. All ten of these had thus made such a profession.

Furthermore, I believe that the ten virgins represent saved people in that all the virgins had oil. It is true that five of them took along with them not only their lamps but also extra vessels of oil. However, all of the virgins had oil in their lamps. Of this we can be assured for the lamps of the foolish continue to burn even up to the midnight hour. At that time, these foolish virgins said, "Our lamps are gone out." Thus reads the King James Version, but in the original language, it literally says, "Our lamps are going out." This would indicate that there was sufficient oil to last until the midnight hour.

This oil represents the Holy Spirit. In the prophecy of Zechariah he gives us a vision of the golden candlestick with the two olive trees standing beside it, and then by way of application, says: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zech. 4:6). It thus appears that the oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. Each of the following Scriptures would thus indicate that oil represents the Holy Spirit:

"And when any will offer a meat-offering unto the Lord, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon." — Lev. 2:1. Compare this with Luke 1:35: "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

"Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." — Psal. 45:7. Compare this with Heb. 1:9: "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;

therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." — Acts 10:38.

"But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." — I John 2:20, 27.

Thus since oil represents the Holy Spirit, and since all these virgins had oil in their lamps, then it most conclusively appears that the individuals represent saved folk. Therefore, this parable has nothing whatsoever to do with tares, hypocrites, wicked sinners, immoral folk, the ungodly, nor any of the unsaved and unredeemed. Instead, these ten virgins represent saved people.

III

Since we say that the bridegroom represents Jesus and the ten virgins represent saved folk, it is rather interesting to notice in particular as to whom is represented by the five foolish virgins. While, as we have noted, they are saved, yet they are typical of a vast host of church members. They represent that group of church members whose religious principles are not so deep laid; whose calculations as to the cost are not so minute; whose consecration to Christ is not so profound. In short, they represent those who lack devotion and prudence even though they are saved.

In Paul's letter to the church at Corinth, after telling us that Christ is the only foundation upon which we can build, he proceeds to say that there are six kinds of building material that may be used, — gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble. Some are building their life's temple with gold, silver, and precious stones. Many are building out of wood, hay, and stubble. With most of us, there may be a mixture of all these materials. Paul says that after a while there will be a time of testing wherein these building materials will be tested by fire. Only that which is worthwhile will abide. The wood, hay, and stubble will be burned. Paul says: "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." — I Cor. 3:15.

I have a very definite feeling that these five foolish virgins, though they are saved, represent those who have been building out of wood, hay, and stubble, who, while it will be said that they are saved, it will also be revealed that they have been saved yet so as by fire. They will be without any rewards in eternity for their works being imperfect have been burned away.

IV

It is rather interesting to notice that the bridegroom himself tarried. The Scriptures say "While the bridegroom tarried." (Matt 25:5). The bridegroom was thus much slower in coming than the virgins anticipated. Each of the early Christians had in mind that Jesus

might soon return to this world. Even Paul said:

"For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." — Heb. 10:37.

Yet that "little while" has already lengthened into nearly twenty centuries. James likewise taught that it would be just a short while until Jesus would come. Listen: "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." — James 5:8.

Nearly two thousand years have elapsed since James and Paul made these statements. Surely the bridegroom has tarried.

All of the early church saints looked for the immediate coming of Christ. Clement, who lived about one hundred years after Christ, wrote: "Let us every hour expect the kingdom of God." Cyprian, who lived in the third century, also wrote saying: "Let us ever in anxiety and cautionness be awaiting the sudden advent of the Lord."

Through all ages His followers have ever anticipated His early coming. Many have even gone so far as to set dates as to the time of His advent. This is, of course, not only unscriptural, but anti-scriptural. Listen:

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." — Matt. 24:36.

Though Christians through the ages since Jesus left this earth have looked and longed and waited anxiously for His coming, still the bridegroom has tarried.

V

It is rather interesting to notice what happened to the virgins while the bridegroom tarried. The Scriptures declare that they went to sleep, for we read, "they all slumbered and slept." The word "slept" does not mean they went sound asleep, but rather signifies that they were nodding. It is quite obvious that the Scriptures say they all slept.

This would indicate that we can expect to find a dulling and deadening of the saved to the subject of the bridegroom's coming. While they had gone out to wait for His return, they became dull and their senses deadened to His coming. Though the second coming was the all-animating theme which brought these virgins together, they finally all sink away from their wakefulness to their slumber and sleep. They had gone out for the one purpose of looking for His coming, but became deadened to His return. Thus their enthusiasm on the near advent of Christ abated and their expectation lost its ardor.

Oh, how true this has been of the saved through all ages. While Jesus has tarried and has not returned to this world, many of those who have been saved and who claim to be waiting for the Lord from Heaven, have lost their enthusiasm and their expectation of Christ's return has grown dim. Even today though there are multiplied professors, among whom there are great numbers of those who are actually saved and who possess the Lord Jesus, — even in this group there are mighty few that are looking for Christ's coming. There are so few churches that preach the second coming. There are so few Christians who really believe it. There are so few

preachers, churches, and Christians who know anything at all about it. Certainly it is true today that God's people are nodding and that the second advent of Christ has lost its appeal in the majority of pulpits.

VI

While the virgins slept, the midnight cry was sounded whereby all of them arose and trimmed their lamps. Listen:

"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps." — Matt. 25:5-7.

The word "trimmed" is most interesting in the original language. It means to "garnish" or "adorn." It is the same word as is translated "adorn" in Revelation 21:2. Listen:

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

This would indicate that Christians need to examine themselves. We need to look into that which is wanting. We need to put everything in perfect order. We need to put away formalism, worldliness, and dead works.

It is interesting to notice that both the wise and the foolish needed to trim their lamps. There is much about all of us which is displeasing to the Lord and if we knew He would put in His appearance today, each of us would have much to do in trimming our wicks and in the cleansing of our lamps. Most of us are a great deal worse than we think we are.

The holiness folk find no comfort in this parable. They say that they are already sinlessly perfect. Yet, when the Lord comes at this midnight hour, both the wise and the foolish are found to be in a state of imperfection. I am sure if Jesus were to come today that all of those who espouse sinless perfection as well as the balance of us would find ourselves far less prepared for His coming than we suppose.

VII

Very shortly after this midnight cry, Christ put in His appearance. Though He may tarry a long time, when the cry is sounded that He is coming, it will be only a little while until He actually appears.

Throughout the Word of God we have many prophecies as to His return. Listen:

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." — John 14:1-3.

"For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." — Phil. 3:20.

"So that ye come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." — I Cor. 1:7.

"Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." — Titus 2:12,13.

"He which testifieth these things

saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." — Rev. 22:20.

I don't know when He's coming, but we do know that He is coming. The time of His appearance is of but little consequence. The fact that He is coming thrills our souls today.

VIII

When Jesus comes, we find the virgins divided into two groups. The five wise went in with Jesus for the marriage while the foolish virgins were shut out.

This would indicate that there was something lacking on the part of the foolish virgins. There is no doubt but that all ten of them were saved, and all ten were spiritually chaste for they are all called virgins. They all had faith and love. They had all turned their backs on the world and were all waiting for His return. Yet in spite of all this, there was something lacking.

The fact of this lack on the part of the foolish virgins in that they did not go in with Jesus for the wedding is another conclusive proof that the bride of Christ will not be composed of all the redeemed. I realize that the great majority of Bible commentators declare that the bride of Christ will be made up of all the redeemed of all ages. I don't think so. I am quite positive that this is not true. Listen:

"And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." — Rev. 19:9.

This would indicate that there are some who are called to the wedding feast, or in other words, there are some who will be there as invited guests.

"The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee." — Psa. 45:13, 14.

Here's a verse which, taken from the context, would lead us to believe that it is speaking of the bride of Christ. It is interesting to notice that the Psalmist refers to her companions as virgins. In other words, these virgin companions are the guests at the wedding.

"There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her." — Song of Sol. 6:8,9.

This text is taken from the most misunderstood book of the Bible. Here the bride is seen appearing with many companions. I say therefore, beloved, that the bride of Christ will not be composed of all the redeemed.

These five foolish virgins are saved just the same as the balance, and yet they did not get to enter in upon the honor of being the bride of Christ. I have a very definite conviction then that the five foolish virgins might represent the saved folk who are worldly, un-ionistic, and who though they are saved, do not accept the Word of God as final for their lives. I am sure that there will be no one in the group as the bride of Christ who has spurned genuine Baptist

baptism. I say that in the light of the following Scriptures:

"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." — Rev. 19:8.

In connection with this reference to the bride being arrayed with fine linen which is spoken of as the righteousness of the saints, notice the words of Jesus at the time of His baptism.

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." — Matt. 3:13-17.

Then note also the words which Luke records concerning John's baptism:

"And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yet, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John." — Luke 7:24-29.

Everyone who spurns Baptist baptism will be in the same class as those who rejected John's baptism in the days of Jesus. I believe, therefore, that these five foolish virgins, while they were saved, were unbaptized like countless thousands of professing Christians today. It may be that there were other things wrong with them. In fact, I am sure that there were. However, I am also positive that as these foolish virgins had failed to calculate definitely as to the amount of oil which they would need, they represent those who have failed to take in consideration and failed to calculate the value of true scriptural baptism. In like measure, they have failed in all their calculations as to the Word of God.

In this connection it is interesting to notice that the Scriptures declare that "the door is shut." This is not the door of mercy for these individuals were already saved. I think it can be illustrated in this manner: When a man marries, all others are excluded from being his wife except the one to whom he has been married. However, they are not excluded from his friendship and respect. Though the five wise virgins became the

bride of Christ, the five foolish ones, while they were excluded from this honor, were not excluded from being His friends. Whenever Christ comes again, all negotiations for the high privileges of the bride will be closed, and though the friends of Christ and the guests at the wedding may never partake of the honor and endowments of the bride, they may still be His friends.

Even this will be an honor — a great honor. Listen:

"Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." — Matt. 11:11.

Even the person who has the lowest place in the kingdom will be greater than John the Baptist. That lowest place is well worth all the efforts we may bestow upon it. It is well worth striving for. Each of us should hope to be a part of the bride; if not, what a blessed privilege it will be to be one of the guests at His wedding.

While the foolish were shut out, the wise were married unto the Lamb to enjoy continuous love. Listen:

"The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yet, I have loved thee with an everlasting love." — Jer. 31:3.

In God's sight marriage always supposes continuous love. Listen:

"He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so." — Matt. 19:8.

Only one thing seriously troubles a virgin as she goes to the marriage altar — that is, if anything troubles her, — and that's the question of continuous love. Will he prove fickle or steadfast? Well, this question will never trouble the Heavenly bride for such love is eternally assured her.

"All things that are on earth shall wholly pass away, Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye, The forms of men shall be as they had not been;

The blasted groves shall lose their fresh and tender green;

The birds of the thicket shall end their pleasant song,

And the nightingale shall cease to chant the evening long.

And kine of the pasture shall feel the dart that kills,

And all the fair white flocks shall perish from the hills.

The goat and antlered stag, the wolf and the fox,

The wild boar of the wood, and the chamois of the rocks,

And the strong and fearless bear, in the trodden dust shall lie;

And the dolphin of the sea, and the mighty whale, shall die,

And realms shall be dissolved and empires be no more,

And they shall bow to death, who ruled from shore to shore;

And the great globe itself (so the holy writings tell),

With the rolling firmament, where the starry armies dwell,

Shall melt with fervent heat — they shall all pass away,

Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye."

Since Christ is coming, everyone ought to be ready. Sinners ought to get ready, and the saints of God ought to be ready. We do

not know when He is coming, but we do know it will be a time similar to the times we are now living in. Jesus said: "And there shall be signs . . . and upon the earth distress of nations; with perplexity . . . Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." — Luke 21: 25, 26.

We are living in such a time as that now. And in just such a time, Jesus is coming. It may be soon. Therefore, be ready for His coming.

Georgetown College Shows Contempt For God And His Word

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escapade of November 15th at Georgetown College. God's people in Kentucky don't want any of their colleges to show contempt for His Word and Bible principles such as was shown on this particular day.

What in the world is the matter with George Ragland? He used to be ready to defy all comers on lesser issues than this one, but now he is as silent as a clam. Not one word has appeared in his paper about the class day exercises at Georgetown. Since he has surrendered to the powers that be and quit fighting inconsistencies and irregularities in the denomination, he has become quite popular with the leaders of the Convention. He has spoken dozens of times in the past several months for the education group. There has never been one "cheep" out of him concerning Georgetown College and its contempt for God's Word.

What in the world is wrong with the Western Recorder that they have had nothing to say about this matter. It seems a shame that the supposed to be leading religious paper of the South should keep silent on so grave an issue. Yet this is not the only compromise that the Western Recorder is making today. A medical doctor in Louisiana, writes: "We thank you for your splendid paper which is always taken up from the table in my reception room at once. We put out nothing but good Christian literature for the public. We don't put out the Western Recorder any more because the new editor compromises with Dr Carver . . ."

I love Georgetown College. Some of the happiest days of my life were spent there. I love the brethren to whom I have referred in this article. May God grant repentance to each, and may all of us be increasingly loyal to the Word of God.

WHY DOES THE COUBIER JOURNAL CONTINUALLY LAMBAST SENATOR CHANDLER?

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the place that it is impossible to get any letter printed in the "Point of View" column that is favorable to Senator Chandler. I have known personally of a number of such letters having been sent in but never a favorable one appears.

And what's the result? Mark Ethridge is just destroying the political party of which he himself is a member. Senator Chandler isn't up for re-election for over

four years, while in this current year the Senior Senator of Kentucky and nine Representatives are to be elected to go to Washington. Instead of injuring Happy Chandler who does not have worry about election for months to come, Mark Ethridge is destroying his own political party and is daily preparing for party's defeat in the elections this current year.

No one can accuse this editor of political strategy, for it is a known fact that when Senator Chandler ran for the office of Governor of Kentucky, I voted against him. Yet, today, reviewing his term of office as Governor of our Commonwealth, I can do so without any fear of successful tradition, that Happy Chandler made the best Governor that Kentucky has had in my recollection. He was the one who laid the foundation and plans whereby the state was brought out of debt. Any man who can do that while the nation at large plunges head over heels in debt, is certainly to be respected and honored.

This isn't a matter of politics. Our readers know it isn't the bit of this editor to be engaged in political controversy, yet even Republicans at Frankfort were disgusted at the poor sportsmanship of the two democrats (Swope Winchester and Prather of Owensboro) who attack Senator Chandler. Even the Republicans were highly displeased over the Courier Journal's attitude in carrying this type of yellow journalism. One of the Republican representatives, B. Thompson of Mt. Vernon, commented most bitterly this attack by Swope as "uncalled for."

This editor is interested in seeing printed that which is moral, legal, and ethical and bemoans finitely this cheap tirade on part of the largest and most influential newspaper in the state. Realizing its cheapness, it is a wonder Chandler shrugged his shoulders when asked for a comment and said, "I'm not interested."

Of course, it is obvious why and all these other attacks have been made. Senator Chandler has been named repeatedly as a possibility for the office of vice president. I think it would be an honor for Kentucky to have the privilege of producing a vice president. Yet, in order to block this, due to personal reasons, Mark Ethridge is willing to stoop to the low type of journalistic tactics.

Instead of these two little by four" Frankfort legislators playing Chandler as a "self-pointed admiral" they ought to crown Mark Ethridge under title of "self-appointed inspector of warts and carbuncles." Instead of advising Chandler to "go home and go to bed" they had better advise Mark Ethridge to "go home and get in the dog house." Instead of accepting the advice of these reprehensibles, I want to "God bless you, Happy. You made a good governor; you making a good senator; and I you get the opportunity to be a good vice president."

"I enjoy reading your sermon. I wish I had more of them to read. I think THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is the best paper I have read" so says Mrs. J. E. Wilcox of Carlsbad, New Mexico.