

Video Sharing-Being Known By God

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Text

[All Scriptural references are from KJV or MKJV; other texts may be used for clarity of translation but only when they are in accord with KJV or MKJV]

Gen 18:19 For I **know** him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

I. 5 Foolish Virgins

Mat 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Mat 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

Mat 25:3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Mat 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Mat 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

Mat 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Mat 25:7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

Mat 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, not so: lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Mat 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Mat 25:11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

*Mat 25:12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, **I know you not.***

*Mat 25:13 **Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.***

- a. Ran out of oil
- b. Could not borrow
- c. Missed out of the Bridegroom's arrival at midnight
- d. Refused entry into the Kingdom of Heaven
- e. Yeshua says: "I know you not"

Note: the Greek word used is "G1492- eido" which can be translated as "**I have no regard for you**" because He knows all about us as we shall see later.

II. The Wise Virgins

- a. Had reserve of oil
- b. Oil: symbol of the Holy Spirit
- c. Oil: they were filled with the Holy Spirit

Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise but **understanding what the will of the Lord is.**

*Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be **filled with the Spirit**;*

d. Oil: led by the Holy Spirit-

*Rom 8:14 For **as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God**.*

e. Oil: Sons of God—mature sons of God [“uihos” in Greek]. The wise virgins were mature.

f. Oil: crushed spiritually as olives

Thayer: “those whose character God, as a loving father, shapes by chastisements”

Heb 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Note: Son here is again “uihos” in Greek. Yeshua is always referred to as “uihos”

g. Understood the will of God

*Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

*Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**.*

Note: the wise virgins controlled their appetites and lusts, did not conform to the world, renewed their minds and understood the will of God.

h. Submitted to God

i. Heard the voice of the Bridegroom:

*Joh 10:27 **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:***

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Note: the Greek word for “know” is “ginosko” which corresponds to the Hebrew word “yada” and connotes intimacy like sexual intimacy between a man and his wife.

“I understood that preparing oil means to be able to listen out for God’s voice, understand God’s words, and accept the truth and submit to God. Only those who can do so are wise virgins.”—Tong Tong, What Does Wise Virgins Preparing Oil Refer To? [

<https://www.hearthymn.com/matthew-25-wise-virgin.html?gclid=EA1aIQobChMI98nLheLI7QIVyn4rCh1o0AeYEAAYAiAAEgL5VfDBwE>]

III. The Lawless Christian/Minister

Mat 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

*Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.***

- a. Failure to do His Will
- b. Ministry cannot replace obedience

1Sa 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

1Sa 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. *Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*

- c. Lawlessness

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

1Jn 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him if we keep his commandments.

1Jn 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

- d. Yeshua will say: "I never knew you"

"Of the 946 times yada' is found in the Hebrew OT, over 490 times it is translated by the Greek word "ginosko" in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Tanakh....

The Greek term ginosko designates predominately an intellectual concept which is not the predominate concept involved in yada'....For the Hebrews yada' is more by the heart than by the mind, and the knowing arises not by standing back from in order to look at, but by active and intentional engagement in lived experience"

*[Tammy Fleming, YADA': The Unique Heart of True Christianity, April 28, 2017-
<http://www.teachicoc.org/>]*

"The Hebrew word "know" (yada'), which is a common root in the semitic languages, has a wide range of meanings depending upon the context in which the word is found. Like our word "know" in English, the Hebrew word can indicate mental knowledge, that is, that a person "understands" or "has knowledge" of something, as when we say "I know that 2 + 2 is 4." But the concept of "knowing" something or

someone takes on a special meaning in the semitic languages, and this specialized meaning has to do with relationship, and primarily a relationship that is based upon the making of a covenant” [Hebrew Word Yada As a Covenant Term in the Bible and the Ancient Near East, By Tim Hegg]

IV. Yada: God is Aware of Us

Jer 1:4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Jer 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

In this passage, the Hebrew word “yada” is translated by the Septuagint into the Greek word “epistamai” [G1987] and not “ginosko”. Here, God is saying He is fully aware of Jeremiah before he was formed in the womb. This is not experiential relationship, especially covenantal.

V. Yada: Experiential Relationship

a. Abraham

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

b. Israel

Deu 8:1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers.

*Deu 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, **to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.***

c. How do we love Him?

Mar 12:29 And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

*Mar 12:30 And **thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:** this is the first commandment.*

d. Love Him & Be Known by Him

*1Co 8:2 And if any man think that he **knoweth [eido]** anything, he knoweth [ginosko] nothing yet as he ought to know [ginosko].*

1Co 8:3 But if any man love God, the same is known [ginosko] of him.

Note: 2 Greek words eido & ginoko

G1492: eido—head knowledge

G1097: ginosko---heart knowledge

e. Keeping His Word [Obeying His Commandments]

1Jn 2:5 *But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby **know** [ginosko] we that we are in him.*

VI. Doing His Will [To enter the Kingdom of Heaven]

a. Sanctification

1Th 4:3 *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

b. Opposite of indulging in lusts

1Jn 2:15 *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

1Jn 2:16 *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

1Jn 2:17 *And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

c. Suffering

1Pe 3:17 *For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.*

1Pe 4:19 *Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.*

d. Giving thanks

1Th 5:18 *In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

e. Perfect & complete

Col 4:12 *Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*

f. In ministry/calling

In the very first verse of 5 books, Eph, Col, 1Cor, 2Cor & 2 Tim, Paul ascribes his apostleship to the will of God.