

Oil In The Lamp

John says that in the beginning was the Word and the Word was God (John 1:1). In him was life and the life was the light of men (John 1:4). John the Baptist came to bear witness of that Light (John 1:6-7). That Light was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world (John 1:9). But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:12-13). Jesus is that Word (John 1:14,17).

Jesus tells a parable of seeds being sown and only those sown in good ground flourished (Matthew 13:3-9): that good ground is those people who have girded their loins with truth (Ephesians 6:12-14). Jesus says 'thy Word is truth' (John 17:17). Jesus also tells a parable of ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom: five had the oil that lights their lamps, five did not (Matthew 25:1-12). The Word is the light that lighteth every man.

Today the Word that was originally written and distributed around Antioch was taken to Alexandria, changed and now is considered the oldest and most reliable manuscripts. In many places these manuscripts found around Alexandria say exactly the opposite of those found around Antioch. Paul says that as the serpent beguiled Eve, you also might go along with another gospel (1 Corinthians 11:3-4).

Amos says that in the last days God will send a famine not for the food and water but for the Word of God. (Amos 8:11-12)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

⁴In him was life;
and the life was the light of men. (John 1:4)

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. (John 1:6-7)

⁹That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. (John 1:9)

¹²But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

¹³Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

¹⁷For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. (John 1:14,17)

³And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;
⁴And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:
⁵Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth:
and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:
⁶And when the sun was up, they were scorched;
and because they had no root, they withered away.
⁷And some fell among thorns;
and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:
⁸But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.
⁹Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Matthew 13:3-9)

¹²For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (Ephesians 6:12-14)

¹⁷Sanctify them through thy truth:
thy word is truth. (John 17:17)

¹Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
²And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
³They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
⁴But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
³While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
⁶And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh;
go ye out to meet him.
⁷Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
⁸And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil;
for our lamps are gone out.
⁹But 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. ¹
⁰And 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.
¹¹Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
¹²But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. (Matthew 25:1-12)

³But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
⁴For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. (1 Corinthians 11:3-4)

¹¹Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
¹²And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. (Amos 8:11-12)