

SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND - THE CLOSE OF PROBATION IS COMING!



We are living in solemn, serious times. The signs of the end and Christ's return are all around us and now is the time to seek the Lord with all our heart, as a time is coming soon when the doors of mercy will close to the world and the Lord will no longer be found. Please, heed the call!

*Isaiah 55:6 ... 'Seek ye the Lord **while he may be found**, call ye upon him while he is near.'*

If we are told to seek the Lord **while He may be found**, then what are we being told? We are being told that at some point in time, the Lord will NOT be found! Do you understand this? Do you see? A time is coming when the Lord will not be found. And that time is known as the close of human probation, when the seven last plagues begin to fall upon the world. Look:

*Revelation 15:6,8 ... 'And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues ... And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and **no man was able to enter into the temple**, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.'*

1 Timothy 2:5 ... 'For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.'

How do we obtain mercy from God at this time? We obtain mercy through faith in Jesus Christ and his mediatorial work on our behalf before God the Father in the temple in heaven. But look at what happens when it is time for the seven last plagues to be poured out. We are told in Revelation 15 that "no man can enter into the temple." No man includes every person (by faith) through Christ, and even Christ Himself, being that 'man' - our mediator. When the plagues begin to fall, Christ leaves the temple in preparation to return for His people and bring judgment upon the world. And if you compare Revelation 16:17-20 with Revelation 6:14-17, you will see that the 7th plague is connected with the very return of Christ to earth.

Therefore Christ's intercession for man will have come to an end - **before** He returns!

Revelation 22:11-12... 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.'

Do you see what this means? The door of mercy through the intercession of Christ will one day soon close forever! Which is why the Lord counsels us to seek Him **while He may be found**. As one day soon, He will NOT be found. Let me give you an illustration through a parable that Jesus taught us - the parable of the ten virgins.

Matthew 25:1-13 ...'Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 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. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 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. 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. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.'

Oh my friends, this is such a solemn warning from our dear Saviour. Do you realize that the five foolish virgins were 'believers' in Christ? We know this because they were expecting the 'bridegroom' and called him 'Lord, Lord.' But what did they fail to do? PREPARE! They failed in filling their 'lamps' (their body temple) with the 'oil' (Holy Spirit). They continued to live for self. They continued to follow the world and trust in the teachings of men. They thought that merely being called a 'Christian' would save them. They thought that merely being a member of a church or certain denomination would save them. They looked to man, instead of Christ and they were found 'wanting'! Without oil, without the Spirit of God - without hope! **And they knew not that the door of mercy and salvation was closed to them forever!**

Do you see the solemn truth of this message? Jesus tells us through this parable that the door of mercy will close one day soon. And many who are so called 'believers' in Christ will be shut out of the kingdom. Why? Because they loved self, instead of denying self (Matt.16:24) - they relied upon others, instead of relying upon Christ. They were followers of man, instead of being followers of Christ. Please heed the warning!

The plagues are soon to fall upon this world and human probation is soon to come to a close. But did you know who the plagues are specifically for? Most professed Christians believe the plagues are going to fall upon the wicked world in general. And yet the Bible tells us otherwise! Take a look:

Revelation 18:1-4 ...'And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird ... And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of HER PLAGUES.'

Who specifically are the 7 last plagues for? **Babylon** - the Roman Catholic Church and the fallen Protestant churches who have held onto false teachings of Rome and united with Rome

in this ecumenical movement, committing fornication with the world and its leaders. Which is why God is calling HIS PEOPLE to come out! Yes! His people! Which shows Babylon to be the 'fallen' churches, and God is calling out His people who are still caught in these apostate churches, so that they do not receive of the plagues that are coming upon those churches.

Come out, come out! And seek the Lord with all your heart while He may be found!

So what must we do? We are told in Isaiah 55 to '*seek the Lord*', to '*forsake our sinful ways and thoughts and return unto the Lord.*' In Jeremiah 29:13 we are told that we will FIND the Lord when we do what? When we '*search for God with all our heart.*' The first of the 'greatest' commandments tells us to '*love the Lord our God with ALL our heart, with ALL our soul, with ALL our strength and with ALL our mind.*' (Luke 10:27). This means **total surrender** to the Lord and His ways. If we do this. If we seek the Lord with all our heart, praying, studying and seeking life through faith in Christ, then we **will** find Him and He **will** save us! Look at what God's remnant people - the wise virgins - who gain victory over this world do:

*Revelation 14:1 ...'And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads ... These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which **follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.** These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.'*

Do you see what these do? Do they follow the world wherever it goes? No! Do they follow the churches wherever they go? No! They follow the Lord Jesus Christ wherever He goes. They are not deceived by the teachings and ways of man, because they have their eyes fixed upon Christ. He is their teacher and leader.

Friends, the bridegroom is coming! And that door of mercy is soon to be closed. Please, please seek the Lord with all your heart while He may be found. Be a wise virgin and have your lamp trimmed (sin trimmed away from your life) and filled with oil (life filled with the Spirit of Christ) and **be ready** in Christ.

*"And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.' Rev.15:5-8. **This point of time reached, mercy no longer pleads. The intercessions of Jesus before the throne and his invitations to sinners to come and find pardon, have ceased ... O, sinner! O, careless professor! Now is the time to prepare for this most solemn and fearful event. Now a compassionate Saviour pleads the merits of his own blood before the mercy-seat. Now he invites you to come and wash in the fountain, so freely opened, and at such a cost! But abused mercy will ere long cease to plead. The time will soon come when that blood that has been slighted and trampled under foot will cease to atone for the guilty."** (The Signs of the Times, June 24, 1880, p.283)*