

## Keep Watch (Matthew 25:1-13)

Today's title is to keep watch. Christ is God's given covenant to us, that is the answer to all problem that has come after original sin. That is why when you are in Christ, at that moment, you will be liberated from all curses. How thankful are you for that? With your own effort, you cannot depart from curse. For the gates of hell never prevail against you. In this world, there is no one can defeat Satan. When you are in Christ, it is Christ who has already conquered Satan. You may face countless problems because of deception of Satan; however, Satan can never overcome you. And when we are in Christ, we are always with God. Not only in heaven, but he is also always with you on earth. This was recorded many times in the bible and God has left behind many important words for us. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Jesus said, "you cannot resolve the problem of on your own, and that is why simply come to me." In Mark 3:13-15, Jesus called those who he desired and why did he call the disciples? Because he desired to be with them. He desired to be with them, so that they can see evangelism arise and have the authority to cast out demons. How is it capable? Because He is the Christ, and He is the God Himself. There are maybe times when you are discouraged. However, when you look back in your life moment by moment, you will come to see that God was always at work. You will see the evidence as you look back in your life, God was always with you and God was always at work. That is why you can see many evidences that you have no choice but to acknowledge that He is your Christ. Everything lies in God's hand. That is the truth. There are times when you may fall into disbelief, however, this is the truth. Not only for your life, but everything in this world is all by God's time schedule. Even though you may make mistakes and you are lacking, there is no reason for you to be discouraged. For there is a reason behind it and that becomes your springboard for the next answer that God will give to you. That is why you must live your life holding to the covenant and fighting the spiritual battle with the covenant today. Everything else is in God's hand and he will take care of everything else for you. That is why God has given you the answer and that answer is the covenant. The greatest illness that we all have is the fact that we do not hold onto this covenant as the answer. We do not hold onto the covenant as the answer as we evangelize to which it is not the answer for others and we simply evangelize with our efforts. The covenant must be the answer and it must be active inside of you, but you continuously forget of it. Within the hardship that you are facing, is merely have processed to which God has already prepared and will fulfill His absolute plan that He has for you. God will never give up nor fail His work. You have been liberated from the fate of original sin; however, you must be seized by God's eternal fate. You must be caught up within his fate he has prepared. This is your greatest joy, and this is where you can be safe. May you once again confirm the covenant deeply and enjoy it.

### 1) Keep Watch.

The first point we will look at is to keep watch. As he speaks of the beginning from Matthew 24 through 25, he speaks of parable. Matthew 24 comes from Matthew 24. And verse 1 it says, "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like then virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom." All

the act of the ten virgins were all the principle of the Kingdom of Heaven. That is why today's bible scripture speaks about the fact that the action of ten virgins. It is closely like the Kingdom of Heaven to which that we must carefully look at. And we must be able to keep this mind for it will take place in the end times. There were five virgins who prepared only the lamps and the other five prepared the lamps and the oil. This is the point of today's message. It says the wise five virgins has the oil and the lamps; however, the foolish five virgins only had the lamps. The bridegroom came so late and was delayed to which they were simply waiting for it. And later, they needed the oil for the lamp. Those who prepared oil and the lamp, they were ready, so they lit the lamp and turned inside. This is the point of today's message. The foolish five virgins who did not prepare the oil they could not take part in marriage feast. However, the five virgins who were wise they were able to take part in the marriage feast because they had the oil and the lamps. The reason why the wise virgins were able to take part in the marriage feast it is because they prepared the lamps and the oil. What is the difference between the wise and the foolish virgins? It is because of whether they have oil or not. It is particularly important for us to see what the oil signifies. For those who have oil will receive salvation. This oil represents faith. Because only by faith in Jesus Christ you can receive salvation. When you believe in Jesus, Holy spirit dwells in you. We can receive salvation by faith it is because the moment we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit dwells in us. Everything has finished with faith alone and it is because the moment you believe in Jesus that is when the Holy Spirit enters and dwells in you. That is God's promise. And the Holy Spirit once dwells in you, he will never leave you. In Romans 8:1, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." And John 5:24, it says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment but has passed from death to life." It means your salvation has become complete. And John 10:28, it says that there is no one will snatch them out of my hand. These are the words that spoken from Jesus and when it says 'they', those represents who received salvation. And even if you may fall into disbelief, God will never forsake you. That is why the moment you believe in Jesus, Holy Spirit dwells in you that is when your salvation is complete. So, if you want to interpret the oil that is written in today's Bible passage as the Holy Spirit, you must be able to interpret in this matter. You must interpret it as the Holy Spirit who dwells inside of you the moment you believe in Jesus. For the Working of the Holy Spirit that you see with your eyes is not the condition to receive salvation. Working of the Holy Spirit will take place after you receive salvation. Today's Bible passage speaks about the Holy Spirit that has worked the moment you receive salvation. It is incorrect to say that working of the Holy Spirit are even the evidence with your eyes, that is not the standard of salvation. So, salvation can only be received by faith. The reason is that is God's promise. And it is recorded countless times in the Bible regarding salvation how you can receive it. And it says, the standard of the salvation is by faith, that is why the moment you believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit will dwell in you. That is when salvation is completed and that is when you obtain an assurance from God and you are being seized by the Holy Spirit. Then why is it appropriate for us to say that this oil represents faith? We can interpret oil as Holy Spirit, but how

come we must interpret it as faith? It is correct that interpret oil as faith because the condition for you to receive salvation is only by faith and that is why you need faith first for the Holy Spirit to work. And it says in Genesis chapter 6 that, "My Spirit will never dwell with mankind." Because mankind themselves do not even have the covenant. They do not even have the faith of the covenant that is why the Spirit cannot dwell in you unless you have faith in Jesus. That is why we always emphasize Christ first before the Holy Spirit. What is the condition that you need the most? It is Christ. And the condition before the precious blood of Jesus Christ on the cross is God's plan. When you are inside of God's absolute plan as well as the covenant, then the Holy Spirit has no choice but to be at work. This is God's promise upon His own self. It is more appropriate for us to interpret oil as faith more than the Holy Spirit. What does mean to keep watch? It means you must be able to be prepared with faith. It does not matter even if you do not know the day of end. For those who believe in Jesus they are the ones who keep watch. So, you must keep watch and have faith if not the door will be shut. And you must not be bewildered with other words. And if you know the important principle that you will be shaken by the words of others. Because salvation is completed with faith alone. That is why God did not speak of anything else except faith regarding salvation. If there is a being who has so much money but even never give single penny to God as an offering but has received salvation, then yet the person will enter heaven. But such a pitiful state that even though that person has received salvation that person can never take all the inheritance or money with him to heaven and he will not be able to receive any rewards in heaven. For the end times, if you have prepared faith, then you have prepared everything. May you never be shaken for faith is the greatest gift God has given to us.

## 2) There is the time.

And second point is there is the time. The point of today's message is that there is the time, and the times will come. However, you must prepare for yourself by preparing the oil, and the oil signifies the faith that you must prepare. God has His time schedule for the sake of the salvation and there are the end times that will come. And the foolish virgins went out to world to seek after oil, but they were not able to gain it. The door of salvation will be shut, so is there any faith that has left for them in the world? And there is no evangelist who can testify of the faith to them when the door has been ready to be shut. All the evangelists have already taken part in the marriage feast. The angels will gather from the far east and far west to all those people to be upon the Lord. But even if they go out to the world, there is no faith that has left for them. Today's message is that there is a time that is why at that time if not the door will be shut. There is a time and at the time time the door will be shut and before that you must be able to have faith. We never open and no one can open the door that has been shut. And it says in Revelation 3:7, "The one who has the key of David, who opens, and no one will shut, who shuts, and no one opens." That represents of Jesus Christ. When the door shuts, no one can open. We are living in the age of end times which we can see the signs. We must look at the end times and be cautious of the end times. And 1 Timothy 3:1-5, it says that there will be the difficult times and in the end times many people will be lovers of themselves.

It will become worse and worse and they will become lovers of money. And they will become the one disobedient to their parents and ungrateful. And they become the lovers of pleasures more than the lovers of God. And verse 5, "Having a form of godliness but denying its power." That is why apostle Paul requested Timothy to avoid such people. These are the messages that are spoken to us as well. You must avoid such people who appear godliness before you. And it says, "Do not live that way." We must all be like this. Our main goal is not to achieve ethics. Our goal is to keep the covenant and relay the covenant. But without this, no one can acknowledge the covenant that you possess. Not only that, but everything is also broken apart. You cannot maintain the covenant that is inside of you. There is a close connection between each other. In 1 Timothy 3:7, it says, "Always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth." You are always learning how, but you cannot reach the truth because you are taking the incorrect path. This has expressed so well in this time. Especially Remnants and Young believers, may you keep this in your heart. And you must be able to have the mystery of Christ which you are able to overcome all the things. That is why we do not rashly just speak about 237 healing and summit. It means that 237 nations are all becoming like this state. Not only for the physical illness, but also this spiritual illness that are constantly on the increase. These are all the word terms that are ceased by work of Satan. Healing will become truly inevitable in this age. Next thing you know, this earth will become full of illnesses. For the sake of the world, God has called you as Summit. You must be able to become the Spiritual Summit and you must give the spiritual answer to others. If you can have this spiritual answer which you can save other people, with that answer, you can live well. This is what you must prepare for. Today's message is you must keep watch for you do not know the time and day. And for us, we are all keeping watch. We must be in the next level. We must ask ourselves, "What I should do for sake of future and what I should prepare?" God is telling us that you must prepare for what must come in the end times and you must keep watch. What are your thoughts? Christ is the answer. There is no other answer. Who else is the Summit if they do not have the answer? There will be times you will save many people. Because you have faith, even in all the problems that may arise in the end times, with that faith alone, God will resolve everything for you. Even the future will belong in your hand. Because it will become an age in which wherever they go, they cannot find the answer. But you are the one that possess the answer. For you are the Summit because you know the Gospel. If you correctly know of this Gospel and you have deep prayer enjoying Gospel, then you are the Summit that goes into depth of it. That is how you become VIP. We spoke about Lot last week, and If Lot only have this, would have been able to save Sodom and Gomorrah. He would have been able to save them with the covenant, but he lost hold of it, that is why he had no choice but to be swept away in that disaster. This is the point that we must hold onto as we look at the end times. May you pray and hold onto the covenant especially for the Remnants, may you come back. You can be a part of 237 movement to raise many disciples. To raise the church officers, the Remnants, many ministers, and pastors. I hope that this great experience will be upon to you throughout this week. We are truly thankful that God has given us this grace of all things inside of Christ.