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'IT'S JUST PAST MIDNIGHT' parable - Part 5

WISDOM UNLEASHED – SOLOMON

I Kings 3:16 to28.

O how we would love to have wisdom to know what to say and do in the many situations that surround us. Coming up with “yesterday’s manna” for the answer is far from satisfying, isn’t it? The pat answers from our training of previous years — yes even from our testimony that worked so well, somehow are insufficient for this hour. We hear of pressing needs and long to see a full release of wisdom that will set each person free. Solomon is remembered mostly for his wisdom that he specifically asked God for. *Give thy servant a wise and hearing heart*. God did just that for Solomon back in the Old Testament and He will likewise today give wisdom to those who ask it of Him. With Solomon’s wisdom came the all important hearing heart. He that *ears to hear* will hear God speak with *His still small voice*. This wisdom-desiring vessel was also God’s house builder.

The churches that make up the Church — I am referring to the people and not the organizations — also need to be established with the individual understanding of who their God is, what is He really like and who they are in Him. A new day had begun and there is an expectation that each need will be met by someone who will ask God for the necessary wisdom . . . which is just hearing His voice clearly. We so often slip into the old ‘dead’ reaction thoughts instead of moving with a fresh word from the Lord.

‘Wisdom builds her house’. Do you not experience the yearning from deep within to see God’s house (Church) built strongly and no longer being in a state of disarray? Wisdom is the main building tool. If anyone lacks wisdom let him ask God for it and He will pour it out to the dependent and teachable vessel. Lord we have asked and now at midnight, it is being seen in a special way. This account of Solomon receiving special wisdom started at midnight and it was an unusual circumstance that God used to trigger it off..

A new day was starting and there was a substitution of a dead son for a living son. Both mothers involved were harlots. A harlot speaks of one who goes through the act of union, receives the seed of new life but with very little if any, true love. A union of outward expression where the heart is not changed. A routine that the soulish part of a person really enjoys. Conscience can even pay its tithe for the ‘one hour’ weekly session! The first woman represents the LAW and all its confining and restraining ways. It includes taking a matter into one’s own hands and doing ‘what comes naturally’ and then expecting God to bless. Much of God’s work that we have done, has been without any thought towards the others of the fellowship. We have looked after our own interests even though it has been God’s work.

This first harlot can also represent the legalistic Church system that has analyzed and planned accordingly what the new expression of life will be like and what he will do. This first one’s babe, a son, was brought forth looking healthy but was soon smothered by legalism, dead works and traditional expectations. So much so that he never had a chance of life. He died and his mother was devastated. All her hopes were in that new life and what she had planned for him. It is like our planning of what we shall achieve for the Lord when the new expression of His life is released in us. We have mentally planned with so many good ideas call *‘Ishmaels’*. This woman also identifies with God’s people in this hour who

know about what God is about to do . . . like bringing forth the manchild. They have the message but have no expression of life out of it.

This same first woman wanted at all costs, to save face. She did not want to admit the result of her careless ways; that she in the end had only produced death after all those months of sacrifice. It is so like many Church fellowships that have sacrificed and desired to bring forth new expressions of life and progress. Many times it is seen as the whole group believing the same way which brings a sense of achieving. Uniformity gives some folks a sense of security so they can say, *'We were right after all!'* From reading and studying, she knew the answers, but just knowing about sonship, first-born or manchild does not release that life to come forth . . . it will require a genuine love-flow not previously experienced by her.

The second woman representing GRACE, started off in a similar expression but later there was a change of nature — from that of self-love to a mother's love that sacrifices. She really wanted to see her son live and grow up — yes, to be like his father. Sacrificial love was kindled in her to the point that she would lay down her own deep desires for this child. Her true, previously hidden, love and worth surfaced. It was like the nature of *'Jacob'* being changed to *'Israel'*.

It was at midnight that this first woman realized what she had desired had not lasted. Her idea and expression of new life was dead. Oh the emptiness that she felt. What could she do in this dilemma? Ah, a switch! Yes, that would give an instant answer! She had a bad attitude problem! Sounds like 'If you don't accept the Lord as we have preached and join our church, you'll end up in hell!'

At midnight the switch was made. This is the hour when *by their fruits ye shall know them* is current. In today's 'midnight' you will sense and see many around you who have previously tolerated you, will try to take what you sincerely believe and know to be real, and give it a 'death-label'. You will be accused of being false prophets or belonging to 'New Age' or some anti-Christ church. Your child in which all your hopes are centered, will be made to appear dead until the wisdom of God exposes the untruth that you might be vindicated. Many are crying out from their death-production position and are grabbing at life in a true 'Jacob way'. God desires that we be changed in nature to have the heart of the true mother which will nurture the new life that has come forth.

In the morning, the **midnight** action brought forth a new wisdom. The unchanged Law-harlot was exposed and the (corporate harvest) son was given over to the true mother who would truly care for him. As it were, the son produced by grace is resurrected (as it were having had a sentence of death pronounced upon him) to come forth in all his glory.

We have all been like a harlot or 'Jacob' at different times in our lives. However our attitude has been changed by the Lord: a deep love kindled and released towards Him and His purposes. We fully trust the wisdom of the King because it is His desire, as well as ours', to see the many-membered manchild son come forth alive and well with all the fullness of Father's nature. We thus 'mother' the new life within us and not 'smother' it so that He will increase until *we are filled with all the fullness of God*.