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Sunday Morning Prayer & Scripture

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“Ticket In Hand, Waiting To Board”

(Is Your Ticket a Counterfeit? 5 Had Real Tickets and 5 Had Counterfeits)

Airline tickets are important documents that confirm a passenger has a seat on a flight.

What is the meaning of counterfeit? - imitation so as to be passed off as real, fraudulently or deceptively passed off as genuine, not genuine; forged: counterfeit dollar bills. Synonyms: bogus, pretended; unreal: counterfeit grief.

The ticket includes important information about the passenger and the flight that they will take, this gives the passenger permission to board the plane.

The wise person is interested in the bigger picture, not necessarily the immediate outcome. A fool succumbs to limited perspective and immediate gratification.

Wise people have knowledge and use it. Foolish people have knowledge and do not. A wise person knows that all of life is connected. A foolish person does not. The five who went to buy further oil miss the bridegroom's arrival and are disowned.

What does it mean to trim your lamps? - A lamp is trimmed when the wick is turned either up or down to regulate the amount of flame. If a lamp is empty of oil, it does not matter how much one trims it, the lamp will go out when the oil is consumed. **Trimming the wick speaks of sanctification and repentance.**

Humanity is represented by the virgins. **Jesus is the bridegroom**, and one day He will return. Some people are ready for this return. They have the oil, the Word of God, Walking in continual Faith and not by sight, and a true life long relationship with **Jesus Christ**.

In the Bible a fool is **one who has rebelled against God**. When we call someone a fool as a sign of hatred towards them, then it's sinful. But saying someone is being foolish because they're rebelling against God is not a sin.



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A Counterfeit ticket is the same as “false faith & teachings.”

What is a counterfeit faith? - Any religious organization that fails to follow precisely what God has said in His word is a counterfeit.

What is the biblical meaning of false doctrine? - Any thing taught, that is not found in the word of God, is called false doctrine.

2 John 1:7-11

Amplified Bible

(7) For many deceivers [heretics, posing as Christians] have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge and confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh (bodily form). This [person, the kind who does this] is the deceiver and the antichrist [that is, the antagonist of Christ].

What is heretic according to the Bible? - a "heretical person" is one who follows his own self-willed "questions," and who is to be avoided. Heresies thus came to signify self-chosen doctrines not emanating from God.

Titus 3:10 - GOD'S WORD® Translation

Have nothing to do with people who continue to teach false doctrine after you have warned them once or twice.

2nd Peter 2:1 - Amplified Bible

But [in those days] false prophets arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will subtly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves.

Matthew 7:15

Beware of false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. (what does ravenous mean? - very eager/greedy for food, satisfaction, / gratification.)

Contemporary English Version

(7) Many liars have gone out into the world. These deceitful liars are saying Jesus Christ did not have a truly human body. But they are liars and the enemies of Christ.

GOD'S WORD® Translation

(7) Many people who deceive others have gone into the world. They refuse to declare that Jesus Christ came in flesh and blood. This is the mark of a deceiver and an antichrist.



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Amplified Bible

(8) Watch yourselves, so that you do not lose what we have accomplished together, but that you may receive a full *and* perfect reward [when He grants rewards to faithful believers].

Aramaic Bible in Plain English

(8) Pay attention to your souls, that you do not lose anything which you have cultivated, but that you may receive a full reward.

Contemporary English Version

(8) So be sure not to lose what we have worked for. If you do, you won't be given your full reward.

Amplified Bible

(9) Anyone who runs on ahead and does not remain in the doctrine of Christ [that is, one who is not content with what He taught], does not have God; but the one who *continues* to remain in the teaching [of Christ does have God], he has both the Father and the Son.

Contemporary English Version

(9) Don't keep changing what you were taught about Christ, or else God will no longer be with you. But if you hold firmly to what you were taught, both the Father and the Son will be with you.

International Standard Version

(9) Everyone who does not remain true to the teaching of the Messiah, but goes beyond it, does not have God. The person who remains true to the teaching of the Messiah has both the Father and the Son.

New Living Translation

(10) If anyone comes to your meeting and does not teach the truth about Christ, don't invite that person into your home or give any kind of encouragement.

Amplified Bible

(10) If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching [but diminishes or adds to the doctrine of Christ], do not receive or welcome him into your house, and do not give him a greeting or any encouragement.

New Heart English Bible

(10) If anyone comes to you, and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not welcome him,

Amplified Bible

(11) for the one who gives him a greeting [who encourages him or wishes him success, unwittingly] participates in his evil deeds.

Contemporary English Version

(11) Greeting them is the same as taking part in their evil deeds.



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Examples of false faith

Thomas Andrews ([Titanic Shipbuilder](#)) After the construction of Titanic, a reporter asked him how safe the Titanic would be. With an ironic tone he said: "Not even God can sink it" On 10 April 1912, Titanic set sail from America to Europe



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What are angel numbers? – Angel numbers are divine messages believed to be from the spirit realm.

Angel number **1250** is a divine message telling you that your prayers are heard and **the Universe** is answering them. This angel number encourages you to remain open-minded, as there may be unexpected surprises coming into your life! Trust that the Universe is looking out for you, and keep your faith strong. (instead of Christ Jesus they use “the universe” another lost path/locked door/anti-christ)

This is a False Faith

Examples of counterfeit Christians

A counterfeit Christian wonder how close he or she can get to sin without actually sinning.

A counterfeit Christian believes it's OK to hold a grudge against someone if he or she hurts you bad enough.

A counterfeit Christian believes real Christians would never engage real sinners.

A counterfeit Christian believes God rests in a building, not in a group of people.

A counterfeit Christian thinks Christian maturity is more about how much people know and scriptures they can quote than, what they do in their daily lives and how it affect others and The Kingdom of God.

A counterfeit Christian feels more guilty for missing church than hurting his or her family, neighbors and loved ones.



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Matthew 25:1-13

Contemporary English Version

(1) The kingdom of heaven is like what happened one night when ten young women took their oil lamps and went to a wedding to meet the groom.

International Standard Version

(1) "At that time, the kingdom from heaven will be comparable to ten bridesmaids who took their oil lamps and went out to meet the groom.

Amplified Bible

(2) Five of them were foolish [thoughtless, silly, and careless], and five were wise [far-sighted, practical, and sensible].

Amplified Bible

(3) For when the foolish took their lamps, they did not take any [extra] oil with them,

Berean Standard Bible

(3) The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take along any extra oil.

Contemporary English Version

(4) The ones who were wise took along extra oil for their lamps.

GOD'S WORD® Translation

(4) The wise bridesmaids, however, took along extra oil for their lamps.



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Matthew 7:24: Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Contemporary English Version

(5) The groom was late arriving, and the young women became drowsy and fell asleep.

Contemporary English Version

(6) Then in the middle of the night someone shouted, "Here's the groom! Come to meet him!"

Amplified Bible

(7) Then all those virgins got up and put their own lamps in order [trimmed the wicks and added oil and lit them]

Good News Translation

(8) Then the foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Let us have some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.'

Amplified Bible

(9) But the wise replied, 'No, otherwise there will not be enough for us and for you, too; go instead to the dealers and buy *oil* for yourselves.'

GOD'S WORD® Translation

(9) "But the wise bridesmaids replied, 'We can't do that. There won't be enough for both of us. Go! Find someone to sell you some oil.'

Christian Standard Bible

(10) "When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.



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Amplified Bible

(11) Later the others also came, and said, 'Lord, Lord, open [**the door**] for us.'

Amplified Bible

(12) But He replied, 'I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, I do not know you [**we have no relationship**].'

Amplified Bible

(13) Therefore, be on the alert [**be prepared and ready**], for you do not know the day nor the hour [**when the Son of Man will come**].

Amplified Bible: 1st Peter 4:18

AND IF IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE RIGHTEOUS TO BE SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS AND THE SINNER?

Amplified Bible: 1st Peter 4:19

Therefore, those who are ill-treated *and* suffer in accordance with the will of God must [**continue to**] do right and commit their souls [**for safe-keeping**] to the faithful Creator.

The meaning of 1st Peter 4 18? - Peter is saying that eternal salvation through faith in Christ comes "with difficulty" in this life on earth.

Matthew 24:42

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day on which your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:43

But understand this: If the homeowner had known in which watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

Matthew 24:44

For this reason, you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect.



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