

# **WISDOM MEANS PREPARATION**

Notes from message given by Bishop Robert L. Jones

Because God gives us wisdom we can be prepared for whatever may come **if we heed** His Word. Matthew 25:1-13 teaches us about the 10 virgins. Five were wise and five were foolish. The wise virgins were prepared; they had extra oil on hand just in case it was needed. The foolish virgins filled their lamps but did not use wisdom; therefore, they had no extra oil when it was needed.

The Lord has impressed Bishop Jones that the **People of God should not be deceived** with the next few years of seemingly financial blessings. The People of God need to **be wise in their spending** so that they are prepared for the leaner times. If you have large debt, pay it down. Those who are wise in their spending and saving will be like the wise virgins; they will be able to share with others as the Lord leads. You will also be like Joseph when God used him to give directions to Pharaoh that the country needed to save grain during the 7 years of abundance; thus, allowing them to help not only their own people but other countries during the next 7 years of famine that came.

Because we are salt and light to the world, the world will look for help. **Wisdom will guide us in our helping others**; thus, continue the blessings upon our own lives. **“Freely ye have received, freely give.”** However, wisdom also says, *‘Don’t give away your seed.’* Remember to **continue to plant** so that **you will have a continual harvest**. It is one of God’s unchanging laws that He has put in place.

We do not have the spirit of fear; we have confidence and trust in the creator of this world.

**Put this where you will be able to recall what the Lord has shared with His People.** We have a choice. We can either take heed and follow the path God has spoken; or we can ignore what God has shared with us and be like the foolish virgins and be found wanting and regretting the choice we made. **Listen to and obey the Spirit of God and blessed!**