

**General Class Theme, March-May 2020**  
**The Bridegroom is at the Door. Are We Prepared?**



Under the general class theme, we will first look at the Parable of the Marriage Supper and the Parable of the 10 Virgins, because they are key to the understanding of our position in the day and time in which we live. Between the years 1830 to 1832 the early Saints were told numerous times that:

1. They lived in the time period called the last days.
2. That the Lord/Bridegroom would come quickly.
3. They were admonished to prepare.

In October 1831 this Revelation on Prayer was given to the church:

D&C 65:1a Hearken, and lo, a voice as of one sent down from on high, who is mighty and powerful, whose going forth is unto the ends of the earth; yea, whose voice is unto men, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight....

1c yea, a voice crying, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Prepare ye the supper of the Lamb, make ready for the Bridegroom;

1d pray unto the Lord; call upon his holy name; make known his wonderful works among the people, call upon the Lord, that his kingdom may go forth upon the earth;

1e that the inhabitants thereof may receive it, and be prepared for the days to come, in the which the Son of man shall come down in heaven, clothed in the brightness of his glory, to meet the kingdom of God which is set up on the earth;

1f wherefore, may the kingdom of God go forth, that the kingdom of heaven may come, that thou, O God, may be glorified in heaven, so on earth, that thy enemies may be subdued; for thine is the honor, power, and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

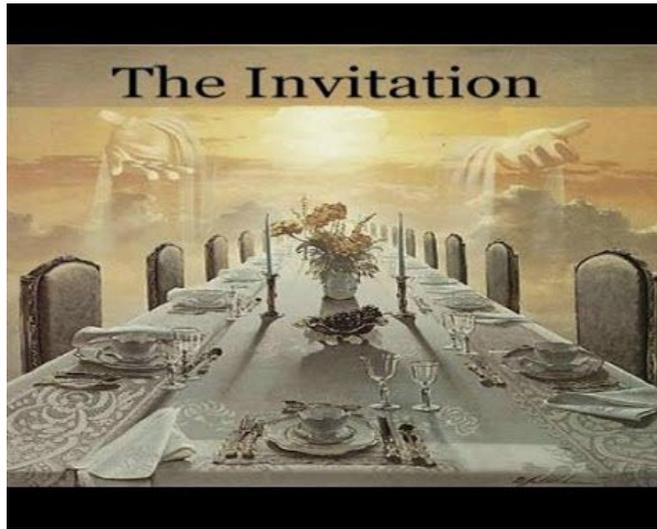
In 1916, the word of the Lord came to our prophet, Fredrick M Smith, and we were instructed that we were now in the Hastening Time. See D&C132:3a.

In 1948 Israel A. Smith brought council from the Lord that, “The work of preparation and the perfection of my Saints go forward slowly, and Zion conditions are no further away nor any closer than the spiritual condition of my people justifies.” See D&C 140:5c.

In this class we will look at many scriptures to learn eternal truths, to assist us in building Zion and to prepare us to meet our Lord and Savior face to face. It is my hope that what we study in this class will bring all of us closer to Christ and help us to live our lives in such a way that they will be pleasing to Him. Christ calls us today to come unto Him and be perfected. “Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you” See Moroni 10:29

It is time, even past time, that we truly come unto Christ and be perfected in Him and become a prepared people both as a group and individually.

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**Matthew 22:1-22 Parable of the Marriage Supper:**

22:1 And Jesus answered the people again, and spake unto them in parables, and said,  
22:2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, who made a marriage for his son.  
22:3 And when the marriage was ready, he sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding; and they would not come.

22:4 Again he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them that are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my oxen, and my fatlings have been killed, and my dinner is ready, and all things are prepared; therefore come unto the marriage.

22:5 But they made light of the servants, and went their ways; one to his farm, another to his merchandise;

22:6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.  
22:7 But when the king heard that his servants were dead, he was wroth; and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

22:8 Then said he to his servants, The wedding is ready; but they who were bidden were not worthy.  
22:9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.  
22:10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all, as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests.

22:11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who had not a wedding garment.  
22:12 And he said unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

22:13 Then said the king unto his servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take and cast him away into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

22:14 For many are called, but few chosen; wherefore all do not have on the wedding garment.

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**Today's Invitation to Assist in the Preparation**

- Sec. 58:3b Behold, verily I say unto you, For this cause I have sent you that you might be obedient, and that your hearts might be prepared to bear testimony of the things which are to come;
- 58:3c and also that you might be honored of laying the foundation, and of bearing record of the land upon which the Zion of God shall stand;
- and also that a feast of fat things might be prepared for the poor;
- 58:3d yea, a feast of fat things, of wine on the lees well refined, that the earth may know that the mouths of the prophets shall not fail; yea, a supper of the house of the Lord, well prepared, unto which all nations shall be invited.
- 58:3e Firstly, the rich and the learned, the wise and the noble; and after that cometh the day of my power;
- 58:3f then shall the poor, the lame, and the blind, and the deaf, come in unto the marriage of the Lamb, and partake of the supper of the Lord, prepared for the great day to come. Behold, I, the Lord, have spoken it....
- 58:6c for, behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things, for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward.
- 58:6d Verily I say, Men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; for the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves.
- 58:6e And inasmuch as men do good, they shall in nowise lose their reward.
- 58:6f But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness,
- the same is damned.

**Are We Ready for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb?**

Revelation 19:7-9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.

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**Matthew 25:1-12 Parable of the 10 Virgins:**

Matthew 25:1 And then, at that day, before the Son of Man comes, the kingdom of heaven shall be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.  
2 And five of them were wise, and five of them were foolish.  
3 They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.  
4 While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept.  
5 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.  
6 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.  
7 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.  
8 But the wise answered, saying, Lest there be not enough for us and you, go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.  
9 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.  
10 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us.  
11 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, Ye know me not.  
12 Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

**Enlightenment & Encouragement Concerning the Parable of the 10 Virgins**

Sec.45: 10b And at that day when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins; for they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived, verily I say unto you,  
10c They shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day, and the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance;  
10d and they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation, for the Lord shall be in their midst, and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their King and their lawgiver.

D&C 63:13g these things are the things that ye must look for, and speaking after the manner of the Lord, they are now nigh at hand; and in a time to come, even in the day of the coming of the Son of Man, and until that hour, there will be foolish virgins among the wise, and at that hour cometh an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked;

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### The Call to Prepare

The Lord has called us to become a prepared people. I went to the Holy Scriptures and looked under the heading of "prepare" to see what future events the Lord is calling us to prepare for. Since most of these events fall into the time period that is called the "Last Days," I have put them under a general heading of "Preparation for The Last Days." Even though they fall into a general heading of the "Last Days," to give us some understanding of the type of events we need to be preparing for, I have listed some of the major events for which we are counseled to prepare.

### Preparation for the Last Days. (Given in 1833)

**Sec. 1:1d and the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days, and they shall go forth and none shall stay them for I the Lord have commanded them.**

### What Are We Told to Prepare For?

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| Sec. 1:3-4,6  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Calamity upon the earth</li><li>2. Peace taken from the earth</li><li>3. Everlasting Covenant established = Zion</li><li>4. Lord to reign in their midst</li></ol>   |
| Sec. 65:1c-f  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Supper of the Lamb</li><li>2. Make ready for the Bridegroom</li><li>3. Kingdom of God to go forth</li><li>4. When the Son of Man shall come down from heaven</li></ol>   |
| Sec. 43:4-7   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Great day of the Lord</li><li>2. Endowed with power</li><li>3. Saints arise and live</li><li>4. Heavens to shake; earth to tremble</li></ol>   |
| Sec 108:3d-5  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Bridegroom cometh</li><li>2. The Great Day of the Lord</li><li>3. Fleeing unto Zion</li><li>4. Fleeing unto Jerusalem</li><li>5. The hour of His coming</li><li>6. When the Lamb shall stand upon Mount Zion</li><li>7. Great Earthquake</li><li>8. The coming of the Bridegroom</li></ol> |
| Sec. 102:3    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Great Endowment</li><li>2. Blessings</li></ol>   |
| Sec.77:1g     | A place in the celestial world  |
| Sec. 45:1-15  | Gives us an overview of many of the events that will take place in the end times.   |
| Sec. 108:1-13 | Provides an excellent view of events yet before us.   |

### We Are Called to be Prepared Every Day to Meet Our Lord

**Alma 3:46-55,61 Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within yourselves, that ye have been sufficiently humble? That your garments have been cleansed and made white, through the blood of Christ, who will come to redeem His people from their sins? Behold, are ye stripped of pride? I say unto you, If ye are not, ye are not prepared to meet God .... Also see Alma 9:41, Alma 16:228-233 and Sec. 45:1b**

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**Last Days**

D&C 1:1d and the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days, and they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them. (1831)

D&C 17:1a The rise of the church of Christ in these last days, being one thousand eight hundred and thirty years since the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh, it being regularly organized and established agreeably to the laws of our country, by the will and commandments of God in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month which is called April. (1830)

D&C 39:3e Thou shalt preach the fullness of my gospel which I have sent forth in these last days; the covenant which I have sent forth to recover my people, which are of the house of Israel. (1831)

D&C 52:1a Behold, thus saith the Lord unto the elders whom he hath called and chosen, in these last days, by the voice of his Spirit, saying.... (1831)

D&C 83:24a And verily I say unto you, the rest of my servants, Go ye forth as your circumstances shall permit, in your several callings, unto the great and notable cities and villages, reprovng the world in righteousness, of all their unrighteous and ungodly deeds, setting forth clearly and understandingly the desolation of abomination in the last days. (1832)

**He Comes Quickly**

D&C 32:3e wherefore, be faithful, praying always, having your lamps trimmed and burning, and oil with you, that you may be ready at the coming of the Bridegroom; for, behold, verily, verily I say unto you, that **I come quickly**; even so. Amen. (1830)

D&C 34:6d Fear not, little flock, the kingdom is yours until I come. Behold, **I come quickly**. Even so. Amen. (1830)

D&C 39:6 And again, it shall come to pass, that on as many as ye shall baptize with water, ye shall lay your hands, and they shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and shall be looking forth for the signs of my coming, and shall know me. Behold, **I come quickly**. Even so. Amen. (1831)

D&C 54:3 And again, be patient in tribulation until I come; and behold, **I come quickly**, and my reward is with me, and they who have sought me early, shall find rest to their souls. Even so. Amen. (1831)

D&C 105:13b Be faithful until I come, for **I come quickly**, and my reward is with me to recompense every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega. Amen. (1837)

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**The Bridegroom Cometh**

D&C 85:24 Abide ye in the liberty wherewith ye are made free; entangle not yourselves in sin, but let your hands be clean, until the Lord come,

85:24b for not many days hence and the earth shall tremble, and reel to and fro as a drunken man, and the sun shall hide his face, and shall refuse to give light, and the moon shall be bathed in blood, and the stars shall become exceeding angry, and shall cast themselves down as a fig that falleth from off a fig tree.

85:25a And after your testimony, cometh wrath and indignation upon the people; for after your testimony cometh the testimony of earthquakes, that shall cause groanings in the midst of her, and men shall fall upon the ground, and shall not be able to stand.

85:25b And also cometh the testimony of the voice of thunderings, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of tempests, and the voice of the waves of the sea, heaving themselves beyond their bounds.

85:25c And all things shall be in commotion; and surely men's hearts shall fail them; for fear shall come upon all people; and angels shall fly through the midst of heaven, crying with a loud voice, sounding the trump of God, saying,

85:25d Prepare ye, prepare ye, O inhabitants of the earth, for the judgment of our God is come: behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. (1832)

D&C 108:2 Wherefore prepare ye, prepare ye, O my people; sanctify yourselves; gather ye together, O ye people of my church, upon the land of Zion, all you that have not been commanded to tarry.

108:2b Go ye out from Babylon. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Call your solemn assemblies, and speak often one to another.

108:2c And let every man call upon the name of the Lord; yea, verily I say unto you again, The time has come when the voice of the Lord is unto you, Go ye out of Babylon; gather ye out from among the nations, from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other....yea, let the cry go forth among all people: Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom.

108:3d Behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord.

108:4a Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour. Let them, therefore, who are among the Gentiles, flee unto Zion. (1831)

**The Day Speedily Cometh When the Lord will Come Down**

D&C 1:6b and will that all men shall know that the day speedily cometh--the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand--when peace shall be taken from the earth, and the Devil shall have power over his own dominion;

1:6c and also the Lord shall have power over his saints, and shall reign in their midst, and shall come down in judgment upon Idumea\*, or the world.\*Idumea: Edom (ancient) (1831)

D&C 94:5d for, behold, and lo, vengeance cometh speedily upon the ungodly, as the whirlwind, and who shall escape it; the Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day; and the report thereof shall vex all people; (1833)

D&C 105:9b Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth--a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of mourning, and of lamentation--and as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth, saith the Lord. (1837)

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### The Hastening Time

Sec. 132:3a I admonish the church, and particularly those of the priesthood, that the hastening time being upon us there is great necessity for confidence in the men of the church chosen for positions of great responsibility....

Sec. 132:4 Everywhere the demand for great activity exists. (Given 1916)

Sec. 135:2b The **hastening time** is here and greater unity than ever before is necessary if the forces of opposition are to be met; (1925)

Sec. 138:3a Let the church again be admonished that the task of establishing Zion presses heavily upon us. (1940)

Sec. 140:5c The work of preparation and the perfection of my Saints go forward slowly, and Zion conditions are no further away nor any closer than the spiritual condition of my people justifies;

Sec. 140:5d but my word shall not fail, neither will my promises, for the foundation of the Lord standeth sure. (1947)

Sec.141:5-7c The **hastening time** is upon us; .... My servants should not become weary of well-doing. The adversary is quick to discourage and thus destroy their effectiveness. (1948)

### Tell My People

These are words given to Patriarch Walter Weldon, 4:30 A.M. on September 16, 1990.

1. Tell my people: I have gathered many of you to the Land of Zion.
2. Tell my people: You are here to build my Zion.
3. Tell my people: This is the day of your preparation.
4. Tell my people: I am waiting for you my people to sanctify your lives.
5. Tell my people: To keep the Lord's day holy.
6. Tell my people: Come out of Babylon. Be not partakers of her ways.
7. Tell my people: Of the parable of the Ten Virgins. We are now in that time period.
8. Tell my people: My coming is near. Be ready.
9. Tell my people: Keep my commandments.
10. Tell my people: My word must become flesh.
11. Tell my people: Foretold calamities are coming to cleanse my people and the land of Zion.
12. Tell my Priesthood: Go ye out from among the wicked. Save yourselves. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.

In the Book of Mormon we find the example of Lehi, who was given a warning of the coming destruction of Jerusalem. He attempted to share this knowledge/warning with the people of his day. They ignored it and were destroyed. Down through the ages God has often raised up men to warn his people of coming calamities. I believe that Walter Weldon was a true servant of the Lord and did have a real experience and these warnings are true. We need to heed them today more than ever. It is time to sanctify. Indeed it is past time. The hastening time is upon us and we must not delay.

**Acts 2:16-18 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.**

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**Instructions to Help Us Prepare (1)**

**D&C 1:3a-c Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends of the earth, that all that will hear may hear. Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh; and the anger of the Lord is kindled, and his sword is bathed in heaven, and it shall fall upon the inhabitants of the earth; and the arm of the Lord shall be revealed; and the day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of his servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people.**

**D&C 129:8g-h Until such heed is paid to the word which has been given.... The church cannot receive the blessings which have been looked for when Zion should be redeemed. Harken once again unto the voice of inspiration, in warning and instruction, and conform to that which is given and receive what is awaiting the upright and pure in heart.**

- Sec. 43:3b, 4d, 5d-f, 8 Be sanctified  
Be instructed in the law  
Act in all holiness before me  
Purge out the iniquity which is among you; sanctify yourselves before me  
Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord  
Repent, and prepare for the great day of the Lord  
Hearken to these words  
Treasure these things up in your hearts  
Be sober  
Keep all my commandments
- Matt. 24:51-54 Faithful, wise, servant = so doing
- Sec. 28:1 Be Humble  
Call upon the Lord in mighty prayer
- Sec.1:5f Repent  
Do the commandments of the Lord
- Sec. 85:20-21 & 36-38 Prepare yourselves, seek learning even by study, teach one another,  
Sanctify yourselves, organize yourselves, prepare every needful thing,  
Purify your hearts, cleanse your hands,  
Establish a house of prayer, fasting, faith, learning, a house of God,  
Continue in prayer and fasting, love one another, cloth yourselves with the bonds of  
Charity
- Sec. 63:6-9,15 Endureth in faith  
Doeth God's will  
Keep the commandments  
Take righteousness in his hands  
Faithfulness upon his loins  
Let all men beware how they take my name  
Let the church repent of their sins  
Receive the spirit through prayer
- I Peter 1: 13-16 We are called to be a Holy People  
I Peter 2:9-11,21-22 We are called to be a peculiar people, and called to follow in Christ's footsteps  
Sec 108: 2 Prepare ye, prepare ye, sanctify yourselves, be ye clean, call upon the name of the Lord,  
Gather upon the land of Zion, go ye out of Babylon, prepare for the great day of the Lord.
- Isaiah 52:1-2 Awake, put on thy beautiful garments

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**Instructions to Help Us Prepare (2)**

Rev. 19:7-9    His wife hath made herself ready  
                  Arrayed in fine linen clean and white = righteousness of the saints

Rev. 18:4      Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of sins  
                  Receive not of her plagues

Sec. 45:10b    Be Wise, Receive the truth, Take the Holy Spirit as our guide, Wise Virgins

Alma 10:18, 27-29    Led by the Holy Spirit  
                          Become Humble  
                          Become meek  
                          Submissive  
                          Patient  
                          Full of Love  
                          Long suffering  
                          Having faith on the Lord

Alma 5:26      Lay aside every sin that doth beset you and doth bind you down to destruction

Alma 5:33-44    Awaken to a sense of your duty  
                          Walk blameless before him...Walk after the Holy order of God  
                          Be humble and submissive  
                          Diligent in keeping the commandments of God at all times  
                          Have faith, hope and charity and abound in good works  
                          Keep your garments spotless

I Thess 5th Chapter    Be sober = mentally alert, vigilant  
                          Putting on the breastplate of Faith and Love and Hope  
                          Edify and comfort each other  
                          Be at peace among yourselves  
                          Ever follow that which is good  
                          Support the weak  
                          Be patient toward all men  
                          Rejoice evermore  
                          Pray without ceasing.  
                          In everything give thanks  
                          Quench not the spirit  
                          Despise not prophesying  
                          Prove all things; hold fast that which is good  
                          Abstain from all appearance of evil

Sec 59:2      I give you a commandment...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and serve Him  
                          Love thy neighbor as thyself  
                          Thank the Lord at all times  
                          Offer a broken heart and contrite spirit  
                          Keep thyself unspotted from the world  
                          Confess thy sins before thy brethren and the Lord  
                          Go to the house of prayer upon my Holy Day, offer up righteousness on all days

**I Thess 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Study Scriptures for Consideration**

II Nephi 6:35 And the righteous shall have a perfect knowledge of their enjoyment, and their righteousness, being clothed with purity, yea, even with the robe of righteousness.

D&C 32:3e wherefore, be faithful, praying always, having your lamps trimmed and burning, and oil with you, that you may be ready at the coming of the Bridegroom; for, behold, verily, verily I say unto you, that I come quickly; even so. Amen.

D&C 65:1c yea, a voice crying, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, prepare ye the supper of the Lamb, make ready for the Bridegroom;

D&C 85:25d Prepare ye, prepare ye, O inhabitants of the earth, for the judgment of our God is come: behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him.

D&C 108:3c Go ye forth unto the land of Zion, that the borders of my people may be enlarged, and that her stakes may be strengthened, and that Zion may go forth unto the regions round about; yea, let the cry go forth among all people: Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom.

D&C 108:3d Behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord.

D&C 108:5d wherefore, prepare ye for the coming of the Bridegroom; go ye, go ye out to meet him, for, behold, he shall stand upon the Mount of Olivet, and upon the mighty ocean, even the great deep, and upon the islands of the sea, and upon the land of Zion;

Isaiah 52:1 Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

52:2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem; loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

52:3 For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for naught; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

Isaiah 62:5 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy God marry thee; and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

II Nephi 3: 29-66 Read all of this beautiful discourse. “ O Lord, wilt thou encircle me around in the robe of thy righteousness?”

Luke 15:21-24 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said unto his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his finger, and shoes on his feet; and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat and be merry. For this my son was dead, and alive again; he was lost, and is found, and they began to be merry.

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**Parable of the Marriage Supper and Parable of the 10 Virgins**

**Questions for Consideration**

1. What do the Parable of the Marriage Supper and the Parable of the 10 Virgins have in common?
2. In what way do Revelation 16:15 and Revelation 19:7-9 relate to the Parable of the Marriage Supper and the Parable of the 10 Virgins?
3. What do you think the wedding garments are, and how do we put them on/get ready for the wedding?
4. In Section 58 we find an invitation. How does this invitation affect your life?
5. What does it mean to you personally when you read in D&C 58 & Matthew 22:14 that “many are called, but few are chosen?”
6. What does D&C 108:3c have in common with Isaiah 52:1-3?
7. In Revelation 16:15 it says, “Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked and see his shame.” What does this mean, and how can you incorporate this scripture into your daily life?
8. In the marriage supper parable how might the statement, “But they made light of the servants, and went their way; one to his farm, another to his merchandise,” affect the decisions you make today in your own life?
9. In Isaiah 62:5 it says, “As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.” In what ways does God rejoice over you?
10. In Luke 15, the Parable of the Prodigal Son, what significance does the robe have, as it is put upon the Prodigal Son? What meaning does this have in your life today?
11. When you read the “Call to Prepare & Instructions to Help Us Prepare” how do you desire to respond? Are you making a plan?