

## God's Amazing Plan

Because of His immeasurable love, His astounding mercy, and His endless wisdom, God has devised a plan in which every generation would feel that their generation would see the coming of Christ. When Jesus left this earth, He promised to return for those who were His, knowing that, because of their great love, they would spend the priority of their days preparing for His return, anticipating that at any moment of any day, He would come for them. When He did, they would be ready. They would have extracted themselves from any portion that the world gave them, separated themselves from every fleshly desire, and prepared their hearts as a bride would prepare for her groom.

Those first followers, those intimate lovers of Jesus who could still see the cross standing on the hill and possibly witnessed the resurrection, those who saw Him disappear in the clouds and heard the voice of the angels promising His return, devoted their lives solely for the hope of His return. It was what they lived for. It was what they kept themselves pure for. It was what they taught their children. Through any trial, hardship, persecution, or peril, the hope of His return was the stimulus to endure. They knew that they could make it at least until He came back for them.

As our loving Father God had ordained, every subsequent generation talked of the return of Jesus. Some believers in each and every generation since His leaving, also felt that theirs was the one in which He would come. In believing, they prepared as if it were true. Looking like Jesus, and looking only for Jesus they were part of the wise virgins in Matthew 25.

As generation after generation came and went, there arose an ignorant and critical spirit toward those who believed in His imminent return and prepared for Him. Never thinking of the foolishness of only the prepared ones in the final generation experiencing the event of all eternity, the marriage supper of the Lamb and participating in it, many young and vulnerable believing hearts have been ridiculed into hopelessness, causing them to fall into the class of the unprepared.

An understanding of the heart of God would know that He had a wonderful plan for all of those who dedicated themselves to Him and His work, no matter what generation in which they lived. By allowing no one to know the hour or the day, everyone was given a choice to overcome the world as Jesus overcame, or as those who never completely separate themselves from the entanglements life has and dedicate themselves to the work of the cross.

God's infinite wisdom is amazing! Who would think that by leaving a question in the hearts of the followers of Jesus would be the stimulus to determine whether or not they would be part of the most glorious event in all of the history of mankind. Only a most glorious God would devise a plan so that every generation would have the same opportunity of any other. Who would have thought that by not listening to the ignorance of those who saw no reason to sell out to Jesus completely and do it with all of their hearts, would be reserving a place for them next to the heroes of all preceding generations. I guess only a loving God would do that so He could delight His Son, and please His children!