

- > Great day to you today.... Welcome back to listen in on another message segment, brought to you by: "**Discovery Crossroads Ministries**".

- > **Well**, a bit over a week ago, the heavens broke open with a wild-display of both: **Northern & Southern Lights**.

- **But**, What can we access (take-away), from the record-setting "Geomagnetic-Storm", that blazed across the world's skies, May 10-12, 2024? One thing that I'd say is: When things suddenly happen "**world-wide**", we "SHOULD" take-notice!

- > **So** on these nights, the sun released what is believed to be, between 4-5 major solar flares, that caused the Aurora displays. The solar flares came from a location on the sun, called: "**sunspot Region 3664**" – a spot that is 16 times larger than the earth. These intense solar flares were rated as a "**G5**" – "**Extreme**"; "**the strongest level of Geomagnetic storms capable** (*the strongest level known, at the time*)"

- The Auroras of May 10th seemed to be the strongest, as they had their furthest reach Southward. On that night, the heavens declared **God's Glory** all the way down into Florida.... (*the Northern Lights, became Southern for a bit*)

- Though the Northern & Southern Auroral-lights were amazing, there was **an element** that was NOT so visible to the naked eye that night – that of: “**the human element**”.

- These mighty Auroral-displays, may very well turn out to be a “**once in a life-time occurrence**”... one that **WAS** witnessed (*experienced*) by tons of people around the world, and yet, one that **WAS NOT** witnessed by tons of other people!

- It is true that some people could not see the Auroral-lights, because there was too much cloud-cover. **But**, there were tons of people who missed the lights, because: **a)** they didn't know it was going to happen; even though the news had been telling of it's coming, for days before it happened. **b)** others knew about the great momentous-happening, but they just didn't care about it. **c)** still others had gone to sleep early, long before it happened.

- **So**, some didn't know it was happening – others knew, but just didn't care – while others just blow it off and went to sleep!

- **Yet my mind** races to wonder: **WHY** *didn't some know?* **WHY** *did some know, but just didn't care?* **WHY** *did others just head off to bed early, like it was another normal, or average, night?* I'm sure *there was a multitude of reasons, why people missed it!*

- These same human-responses, that occurred during the Auroral displays, REMINDS ME of how humans will react to another Major-life event, that's on the horizon ~ that of: "**The Day that Jesus Christ returns**"...(many folks will NOT know of His coming – others just won't care that He's coming – and yet others will be asleep, and miss His Return).
- The apostle Matthew records Jesus having told this story while He was on earth, the first time: **Matthew 25:1-13**, "*Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids (that's us) who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom (that's Jesus). 2 Five of them were **foolish**, and five were **wise**. 3 The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, 4 **but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil.** 5 When the bridegroom was **delayed,** they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "At midnight they were roused by the **shout,** '**Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!**' 7 "All the bridesmaids got up and **prepared their lamps.** 8 Then the five **foolish** ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' 9 "But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.' 10 "**But while they were gone** to buy oil, **the bridegroom came.** Then those who were **ready** went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was*

*locked. 11 **Later**, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!'*

*12 "But **he** called back, 'Believe me, **I don't know you!**'*

***13** "So **you too, must keep watch!** **For you do not know the day or hour of my return.**" NLT*

...(Key terms: **Foolish – Wise - Prepared – Ready – Keep watch – You do not the day or hour of My return**)

...(Key thought: **The oil and the lamp**)

a) the lamp..... that which puts off Light. It represents our: **mind & heart** (*spirit & soul*). The lamp is to Keep our whole-self, FIXED on Jesus Christ. It is to Keep the light of our love, shining forth for Jesus Christ.

b) the oil..... that which makes the Light. It represents our: **faith**. The oil is the deep-burning that we have in our inner being, that sets our lamp aglow for Jesus Christ. To even have God's Oil in us, is to have been "**made right**" with God, thru the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. It is our oil of "**New birth**"; the oil of "**His Spirit**".

--- **So**, to "**Keep Watch**" is to: **KEEP the oil of our faith & love for Jesus, ever-present & aglow in our mind & heart (in our spirit & soul).**

-- **OK so**, The first printed Bible, came out in 1455; thus, The Bible has been available to us for about 600 years. **But**, How many won't read it, or believe it, or heed it? How many foolish people then, will **NOT be ready** on The Day that Jesus returns? As quickly as that aurora came and left, Jesus will come & go as quickly! *Better be ready to go with Him!*

-- I keep saying that: the auroras of May 10-12, 2024 were "**Momentous**" for a reason. The word "**Momentous**" means two things: **1)** "***very special occasions, that only happen once or twice in a lifetime***" (*which the auroras were*), and **2)** "***having great or lasting importance***".

> Let's nail down something real fast... in accordance with definition 1 - "**Momentous-occurrences**" are: "***very special occasions, that only happen once or twice in a lifetime***". But we need to know, that they are:

1) "**Unplanned**".... (*unplanned to us; not to God*). Usually they come as a **surprise** to us, when we least expect them.

2) "**Soul-shocking**".....(*or, Soul-shaking*)

--- Momentous-occurrences are intended to **shake away** what is earthly and not eternal... They can shake away everything that does not align with God's Word...(that's *our wrong beliefs & misunderstandings*)

3) "Life-altering".....(Shakings that **change us forever!)**

--- Momentous-occurrences are intended to **remove** false beliefs that need to be shaken away, and be **replaced** with God's: Truths, Understandings, and Revelations!

4) "God-exalting".....(When our life is heavenly-altered, **God gets the glory)**

--- Momentous-occurrences **progress** God's Revelations of Truth in us, and that causes us to shout out and be His **Witnesses** to the world.

> **OK so, let me kick around the 2nd definition: "having great, or lasting, importance".** *From this, I draw my main thought today...* When these very special, once in a lifetime, occasions occur, *they are of Great or Lasting Importance.* Sometimes, we are just never Ready for all the major things that can happen to us in life, **BUT,** we certainly "**SHOULD BE**" **PREPARED** to meet our Maker, at any given moment!

--- **So,** I want to Talk about "**Readiness**", and what I call: "**Momentous-Readiness**"... *that being:* to have a great, or lasting, importance, to **being READY** to meet Jesus; maybe even today! What I'm saying is: Being **Prepared** to meet Jesus, "**SHOULD BE**" the most important thing that we should ever prepare for!

> **Readiness/Preparedness** means:

1) being **Aware**...(to be Aware, is to: "**have knowledge**"; "**be well-informed**"; "**be concerned**"; "**to be mindful of**".

-- Folks, we need to know, what we need to know... We must become knowledgeable of things happening around us, or things that might soon happen around us, so we'll be Ready.

2) being **Attentive**...(to be Attentive, is to: "**pay close attention to**"; "**attend to**"; "**be observant**"; "**be focused**".)

-- Look, we should strive to not fall asleep on the job... We need to be attentive/alert, to things that can happen suddenly! We should keep our eyes & ears tuned in, even if we are sleepy!

3) being **Active**...(to be Active, is to: "**engage with/in**"; "**pursue an activity**"; "**be characterized by action**"; "**be operative (valid, functioning, effective)**".)

-- To be Active, is to be able to move/act, at a moment's notice. When something major happens, we need to be able to rationally react to that something! Being lethargic, lazy, a procrastinator, or just indifferent to Big happenings, might see us "**miss out**" on a great life-changing event... *like those who missed the lights, were later sad they missed them!*

> **So**, there is no way that I can leave this message, without talking about: [Hebrews 12:25-29](#), "**25 Be careful that you do not REFUSE to listen to the One who is speaking.** For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses (the earthly messenger), we will certainly not escape if we **Reject the One who speaks to us from heaven!** 26 When God spoke from Mount Sinai, his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "**Once again I will shake not only the earth, but the heavens also.**" **27** This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain. 28 Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. 29 For our God is a devouring fire." NLT

> **The first thing**, that we see in this passage is [Verse 25](#), "**Be careful that you do not REFUSE to listen to the One who IS speaking**"...(REJECT The One Who IS speaking)

-- I am amazed, that we've had the printed Bible, for over 600 years now (*and electronic versions, for many years*), **YET**, people still will not: read it, listen to it, or heed its words & directions. Little do they know, that they ARE the words of "**The One**" Who **IS** speaking to us today! "*Faith comes from*

hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ"... **Today**, we can hear the Words that He is still speaking, **IF** we'll just listen and choose to take them in. Refusal to listen to, and heed God's Voice (*Words*), can have devastating, eternal, consequences.

> **The second thing**, that we see in this passage is Verse 26,

"26 When God spoke from Mount Sinai, his voice **shook the earth**, **BUT NOW he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth, but the heavens also"**

-- We are talking about: God's Voice, speaking & doing things, that WILL "**shake up**" the whole world. God once upon a time, shook the mountain of Sinai. It was such a drastic shaking, that the Israelites did not even want to approach the mountain (Deut. 5:22-27). **Yet**, God said that He will shake the earth again, and with it He will shake the heavens above us too!

-- Verse 26 adds a new dimension to God's Voice shaking the earth & the heavens. Speaking of the Auroras of May 10-12 - **What IF God WAS speaking, and caused those Great solar-flares, that produced all the intense Auroras? What IF He did it, to REMIND US of His Word in Matthew 25:1-13?**

It appears that His **2nd Coming** will: **1)** catch some people off-guard; **2)** others will know, but just won't care; **3)** and yet others will just go to sleep, not expecting Him to show up in the wee-hours of the night! ...(We were told, "**If we knew what hour the thief would break in to steal from us, that we would stay awake, and be prepared to stop the thief**") (God's Voice SHAKES us, to WAKE us!)

> **The third thing**, that we see in this passage is Verse 27, "This means that ALL OF CREATION will be shaken and removed, SO THAT only unshakable things will remain"

-- So here the scripture is saying: Things that "**we think**" is really of importance, in our lives, will be shaken away to make room for what "**God says**" is really important ~ that of: His Kingdom come, and our Salvation. Mark my words, "God's Kingdom (*reign*), is approaching quickly, and our Salvation in Christ had better be settled before His Kingdom is fully realized."

-- I hate to say it, but sometimes we all need a good shaking, to make us move, or get ready for something. (We need a good thump, to make us jump). We can get so bogged down with life, that we don't move when we need to move! We can get indifferent, or lethargic, or even procrastinate

adjusting to major life events, that are meant to stir our soul, and move us to a new place, or understanding, about our existence (*our purpose in being alive*)! God is always trying to grow our understanding about Him, so that we will grow closer to Him. **But** if we won't adjust to His shaking of our soul, we will totally miss out on experiencing God in new & deeper ways! **Because of Verse 27: Verse 28** needs to be in effect, in each of our minds & hearts. We need to stay FULL of oil, with our lamps BURNING BRIGHTLY for this Truth! "*28 Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is Unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.*"

> **And so**, this message has introduced 2 Major themes – *that of:*
1) "Momentous-occurrences", that will happen on the earth, and will also occur in the heavens, and **2)**
"Momentous-Readiness", that we are to take seriously with ***Great Importance***.

-- We SHOULD Now, and in Eternity, be: "***worshiping God with holy fear and awe.***" We need "**Readiness**" that is of "*Great Importance*" to both: God and us. Our Adoration & Reverence for God (*which is our worship of Him*), should bring us closer to experiencing "**ALL**" of Who our Creator God is.

....**We should strive to learn more about God** - like:

- God is more than a figment of our imagination.
- God is more than what we read in the Bible
- God is more than what we experience in church
- God is more than the testimonies spoken by others
- God is more than the happenstances, that occur in our lives
- God is more than the things that we call miracles
- God is more than our human minds can form about him
- God is God.... He is able to **"SHAKE"** the earth, the heavens, and our souls; all to: *Wake us up to **WHO ALL HE IS, and WHAT ALL HE IS UP TO!***
- God is truly **"WORTHY"** of our: Honor, Glory and Praise!
Revelation 4:11, *"You are **worthy**, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power – for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."* NIV

- > **Remember**, the 2nd coming of Jesus will come & go, as quickly as those Aurora borealis' did...(*"we do not know the day or the hour of His return"*). If you have never asked Jesus into your life, do it now! For all who are believers, stay attuned & awake to the shakings of the earth & the heavens, in the days ahead; *Momentous things are happening*
- **So**, stay FULL of oil (*deep faith*), and keep your lamps **BURNING BRIGHTLY** for God, and His Kingdom come!

Video sidenote of clarity....(After recording the message, I realized that I kept saying "**bridegroom**", in place of "**bridesmaids**". The bridesmaids of Christ are His people (the church) – and there is only One bridegroom, which is Jesus Christ. I opted for this note, instead of re-recording the message again.)

Discovery Questions:

- 1)** Read Matthew 25:1-13; What are the major themes of this passage?
- 2)** In Matthew 25:1-13, What is the big difference between the foolish virgins and the wise ones?
- 3)** Both the foolish and the wise virgins fell asleep, waiting on the Bridegroom's return – Do you believe that is OK? Why or Why not?
- 4)** So the foolish virgins ran out of oil, and the wise virgins had "extra" oil – so why do you believe the wise virgins would not share their extra oil with the foolish ones? I mean, what do you do with Luke 6:30, "*Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone take what belongs to you, do not demand it back*"? So, shouldn't the wise virgins have shared their extra oil? Why or Why not? Hint: This is a parable, and the oil represents something – so is the oil sharable?

- 5)** When it comes to the oil & lamp in the parable; What condition would you say that “your” oil & lamp is in – full, empty, going dim, shining brightly?
- 6)** Hebrew 12:25-29 is a powerful piece of scripture, that tells of God’s Voice being able to shake the earth. Likewise, His same Voice will shake the earth and the heavens – So is it possible that the Crazy Strong Auroras of May 10-12 of this year, was God’s Voice shaking things up, seeking to capture our attention? Tell of why you think it could have been, or not?
- 7)** The major theme of the message is “Readiness to meet God”, at a moment’s notice. But the Matthew 25 parable says that many people will NOT be Ready, or won’t care, or will be asleep – So does this parable seem familiar to the Biblical story of Noah and the ark? People wise: What are the similarities between these two stories?
- 8)** On a very serious level; Do you really believe that “you” are Ready to meet your Maker at any minute now?