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MERCHANDISERS OF OIL!

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"But go ye rather to them that sell, and BUY." Matthew 25:9.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten (complete church) virgins (unspotted from the world), which took their lamps ("Thy Word is a lamp." Psalm 119:105), and went forth to meet the bridegroom."

Matthew 25:1.

This parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins is a picture of the end time church that *"went forth to meet the bridegroom."* Some are going forth believing in a "pre-tribulation rapture," simply because of their love affair with Scofieldism. Still others believe in a "mid-trib rapture" position of scripture while others hold a "post-trib" persuasion. I've been convinced of a pre-Wrath Rapture since reading Robert Van Kampen's, The Sign; the most comprehensive study on this subject that I have ever read. This book, comes highly recommended by the Captain. If you think my monthly "newsletter," *RIVERBANK NEWS*, is sometimes difficult to digest, read this book, The Sign. "Truth is stranger than fiction!" It is an exhaustive study on this very subject over an eight year period of time. When he finished his work, as a scientist coming out of a laboratory, stated, "No one will believe!" It is so much easier to believe the conventional teaching of Dr. C.I. Scofield, which in our days represents the tradition of the elders, *"teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."* Matthew 15:9.

These "Merchants of Oil," who are they? *"And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: BUT GO YE rather to them THAT SELL, and BUY!"* Matthew 25:8-9.

To paraphrase, the wise instructed the foolish virgins, "Go and get the necessary oil the way we did." Just how did the wise get their oil? Who are these "sellers of oil"? From all appearances they were not interested in themselves "going to meet the bridegroom," but just the merchandising of this "OIL." Like the Saudi-Arabians who held a monopoly on the earth's available oil, hence "gas lines" formed at our pumps as they raised the price of this precious commodity. You either buy their oil at the "cartel's price," or go without!

The Assemblies of God "cartel" has had a monopoly on the OIL, spiritually. They built walls, like Nimrod of old, to house the most precious commodity on earth; OIL. Why? *"Let us make us a name (for ourselves)."* Genesis 11:4. We can become *"rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing,"* by

having the corner on supply and demand. Revelation 3:17. Springfield, Missouri will be our tower into the heavens. We can now proselytize on all the religions of the world. They will have to come to us to get OIL. In the obtaining of this oil, they will be made to pay our price. The price was “legalism!” *“Go to, let us make brick...Go to, let us build us a city and a tower...and let us make us a name.”* Genesis 11:3-4.

But the Lord had a “go to” that confounded the builders of “brick and mortar.” *“Go to, let us go down”* and look into this *“city and the tower, which the children of men builded.”* Genesis 11:5,7. Brick and mortar, coupled with the law, creates slaves. *“While they promise them liberty (OIL), they (the cartel) themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.”* 2 Peter 2:19. These “merchandisers of oil” use the power of the Holy Ghost to overcome the simplicity that there is in being a Christian: *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.”* Ephesians 2:8. The cartel cannot “buy many bricks” with that kind of gospel, hence “the holiness apparent to all men” coupled with the law, adds more slaves to their brick and mortar systems. It is too heavy a price that the cartel has placed on “their oil.” The price the cartel charges for oil could cost you your soul.

“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.” Galatians 5:4. When you are fallen from grace, you are on a one way road that leads to hell. Listening totally to “pulpit preaching,” and never to *“search the scriptures”* (John 5:39), like you are commanded to do, will set you on that road.

C. (for Cash) Thomas Patten bought the City Club Hotel for our “tower into the heavens.” He said the hinges on the doors would rust off first before he would ever sell our tower! Carl Thomas, alias Jack Groves of Lyle, Tennessee said, “If you have plenty of money and smart lawyers, you can do anything in religion and get by.” He had no more than got those words out of his mouth when God spoke to me, “And you’re going to stop him.” Me, a deliverer! Preposterous! “Who am I, that I should stop Pharaoh?”

God’s own people turn against a deliverer that God hath sent. I missed being killed by a hit and run driver by ¼ of an inch, carrying my only son, when the case was before the grand jury. You want to be a deliverer? My wife was hit by the same car and knocked 62 feet before she touched the earth. The person we suspected was a brother of Tom Patten, who was later killed riding a motorcycle.

Do you think that God doesn’t know what men have done with the most precious commodity on earth? The Bible commands, *“see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.”* Revelation 6:6. This cartel in Springfield, Missouri are in trouble with the Almighty! The OIL represents the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. Matthew 3:11. The wine is the joy which is the evidence of having received the oil.

Tulsa, Oklahoma is considered the oil capital of the world. “As in the natural, so in the spiritual.” Oral Roberts struck a geyser of oil in Tulsa. Man had struck an oil gusher in an old barn at Azuza Street in Los

Angeles. What did man do with this oil? The same thing Standard Oil, Shell, Texaco do with theirs! The oil was for the benefit of earth, not to be boxed. The cartel “hurt the oil and the wine” by building their denominational walls around it, with a tower located in Springfield, MO. Indirectly, they are announcing to the world that they have the oil; come and buy! *“But go ye rather to them that sell, and buy.”* Matthew 25:9. They’ll still be here on earth selling their oil, even after the door (dispensation of grace) is shut. Matthew 25:10.

It is very strange indeed, that another “deliverer” would stem from Oakland, California. Oakland must be some kind of battleground in the spiritual realm for the souls of men. David du Plessis distributed the oil of the cartel freely and without price. The charismatic revival was born through this distribution of free oil. You did not have to any longer conform to the Springfield tower rules of legalism to obtain that which you needed most--OIL. The Catholics, the Episcopalians and Lutherans were among the first to open wide their doors to this fresh oil that David du Plessis was distributing through Christendom, simply by the laying on of hands.

David du Plessis single-handedly, and probably unknown to himself, had broken the cartel’s monopoly on oil. Catholics were free to receive oil and remain Catholics! Wow! Today, more Catholics, Lutherans and Episcopalians speak in tongues than there are members in the entire Assemblies of God. You can be a Nazarene and *“go ye rather to them that sell, and buy”* the truth, but return to your own church full of the wine (joy), the real evidence of having received the real thing. If you spoke in tongues and received no joy, you better go back for another dip! *“Hurt not the oil and the wine,”* represents the true church full of the power of God! *“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and EVERY TONGUE that shall rise against thee in judgment THOU SHALT CONDEMN. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness (imputed) is of me, saith the LORD.”* Isaiah 54:17.

The builders of brick and mortar have always “loved the law,” because the law demands obedience to their *“lords over God’s heritage,”* dictatorial government. 1 Peter 5:3. These merchandisers of oil are a perfect type of Nimrod. The preacher has a commodity you need--OIL, you hold a commodity that he desires--your money! You can still buy oil, even after the “Dispensation of Grace” is over! Amazing! You get their oil; they obtain your money! Both are apparently satisfied.

Jethro, the priest of Midian, was the father-in-law of Moses. He *“heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.”* Exodus 18:1. Moses had two sons by Zipporah (Heb.-as a little bird, hopping), *“Gershom (Heb.-refugee, divorce); for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land,”* and Eliezer (Heb.-God’s helper) *“for the God of my father, said he, was mine help.”* Exodus 18:3-4. *“And it came to pass by the way in the inn (Gk.-place of lodging), that the*

LORD met him, and sought to kill him.” Exodus 4:24. Why was God about to kill Moses? It was over Gershom, the oldest of his sons, whom the hopping bird, Zipporah, refused to have circumcised.

“Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her (eldest) son (Gershom), and cast it at his feet (thereby God was appeased and didn’t kill Moses), and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.” Exodus 4:25.

If Zipporah hadn’t yielded when she did, Moses would have been a dead man! Read Exodus 4:26. *“So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.” “So, he let him go!”* So, God allowed Moses off the hook. “He” being God--God withheld killing Moses over Zipporah’s action. Imagine a woman wielding such power over Moses that God was about to kill him! If you can’t rule over that woman in the realms of your worship for God, you best not marry her. I am of the conviction that Moses divorced Zipporah over this incident.

Moses had yet another son, Eliezer. This “hopping bird’s” heart could be hardened. Moses did not want to be killed by God simply over Zipporah’s refusal to circumcise the youngest son, Eliezer. But the Bible says, *“and Jethro, Moses’ father in law, came WITH HIS SONS and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God.”* Exodus 18:5.

It was during this final and last visit of his family that Moses reared while in the backside of the desert of Midian, that Jethro couldn’t refrain from playing God. Moses had spent forty years of his life around this priest of Midian. Moses came in to the Midian camp as a murderer. He *“spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.”* Exodus 2:11-12. Moses probably sought peace of mind through this Midian priest on the forgiveness of sins. Unlike the movie, The Ten Commandments, Moses did not have the pick of the litter of the seven daughters of Midian, *“And he (Jethro) gave Moses Zipporah his daughter”* (Exodus 2:21) because it was the custom to marry the eldest first. Jacob wound up with two wives and worked fourteen years to obtain Rachel, the woman he loved, due to this custom.

First Moses is a murderer, and now a divorcee over circumcision. *“And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.”* Numbers 12:1. Moses was guilty of breaking the law a second time. This incident was proof that Moses was, after all, human. After Zipporah, with Moses given a second chance to select a wife, he made sure he could “rule over” her. Genesis 3:16. By this marriage, in the eyes of Miriam and Aaron, he proved he was human and not a god. One thing Moses learned through his marriage to Zipporah was that it is better to be able to rule, than to love. Apostle Paul said, *“It is better to marry than to burn”* (in your flesh). 1 Corinthians 7:9. *“Nevertheless to avoid fornication,”* was reason enough to get married.

“Love is blind.” A blind man cannot see, and is the reason more men wind up on Skid Row than women. Women are the first to desire marriage and they also are the first to initiate divorce. Mankind desires to worship a man who is a god to them! Miriam and Aaron knew by this marriage Moses was human with human needs, like the rest of us. Hence, they opened up their big mouths, and “*spake against Moses...AND THE LORD HEARD IT!*” Numbers 12:1-2.

You had to have first been married to “a little hopping bird,” Zipporah, with a foreign religion, to be the judge of Moses. The Midianites came out of the loins of Ishmael, not Isaac. Moses probably chose the Ethiopian for the same reason men in America find foreigners more attractive. This black woman was just the opposite of his “hopping bird,” Zipporah.

A man without a God, creates his own “god of flesh,” his wife, and “*changes the truth of God into a lie and worships and serves the creature more than the creator.*” Romans 1:25. But once a man hears the voice from the burning bush, he comes to his senses like the prodigal in the pig pen: “It is better to rule than to love,” thereby retaining his integrity with God, by divorcing himself from his created idol.

Moses had a living wife, therefore was not entitled to this beautiful black woman, so thought Miriam and Aaron. Moses, Miriam and Aaron were of the same family. It is difficult for your own family to see anything spiritual in their own kin. “*Is this not the carpenter’s son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are thy not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?*” Matthew 13:55-56.

Miriam and Aaron saw Moses as their flesh kin brother in marrying this Ethiopian woman. As far as the Bible record goes, that young Ethiopian never once interfered with the call Moses had upon his life, and is exactly why he married her. But Miriam and Aaron could no longer view their brother as a prophet, but a lustful old man! “*And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? AND THE LORD HEARD IT. (Now the man Moses was very meek [humble] above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)*” Numbers 12:2-3. Moses did not open his mouth to defend these charges of adultery! Miriam and Aaron thought they knew the law, “*They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or PROFANE (Heb.-kill, or had an abortion); neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.*” Leviticus 21:7. The Ethiopian was guilty of none of these.

Dr. Harold Camping of Family Radio, Inc. and “Open Forum” telecast, should also be struck with leprosy, as well, for teaching Miriam and Aaron’s views on divorce and remarriage. You want to judge Moses! First go live with a “little hopping bird” that hates a bloody religion!

Jesus never challenged a man's right to divorce. He only limited the reasons, and SHE had to be found guilty. God spoke to all men for all time that insubordination is grounds for divorce, when He kicked Lucifer (a type of God's wife) out of heaven.

Jesus only changed the law so that a man could no longer divorce a woman *"for every cause."* Adultery is committed when a man marries a woman that *"has been put away."* She is to remain single, else return to her own husband. *"It hath been said, Whosoever shall PUT AWAY HIS WIFE, let him give her a writing of divorcement."* Matthew 5:31. Under the law, men were permitted to divorce *"for every cause."* Nowhere did Jesus grant equal rights to a woman.

Jesus only addresses the *"for every cause"* clause in granting men their right to divorce. No longer can they put her away, except she is found to be guilty of fornication (Gk.-porneia, which includes adultery, incest, harlotry, unlawful lust [as sodomy], practice of idolatry). Porneia is where we get the word, pornography. A man can legitimately divorce his wife for any of the above. *"But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."* Matthew 5:32.

Ever since the women hit the streets for the passage of Women's Suffrage, the hirelings and lords of the American pulpits changed the Word to be politically correct with the action on the streets. A woman is under a curse to please her husband. *"Unto the woman he said...and THY DESIRE (Heb.-a stretching out after, a longing, a running after) shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."* Genesis 3:16. Slaves have no rights to divorce, unlike the male counterpart. If this rule was applied in the church, over 90% of divorce would stop immediately. Why? Because statistics bear this out, that 90% of all divorce is initiated by a woman. She is the first to want marriage and the first to initiate a divorce.

In our culture, women use the divorce laws to "rule over men," and the state is cooperative. They have managed to reverse the curse! Either the male pleases them, or else!

Humanism is the only revival sweeping America. It is at the flood level stage! The sandbags of the church have collapsed since Roe vs. Wade. *"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him."* Isaiah 59:19. A woman, Eve, totally wiped out the original creation of God by her disobedience to her own husband. To prevent the "Last Eve" from a repeat performance, the church must recognize that Satan is once again communicating with Eve ever since she won the Women's Suffrage Act by her placards and marching in the streets. Backslidden men are responsible for bringing the "Last Eve" out of the closet by passage of this bill in Congress.

Our founding fathers did not believe in the likes of Hill-lie-ry Clinton, Barbara Boxer, or Diane Feinstein. All three have accepted bribe money from China. Like Judas Iscariot, they are selling our

heritage to Caesar (type of Antichrist), who ruled the world (one world government). Any decent Congress would try all three for treason!

Scripturally, a woman should obtain a divorce through the church. Men need to be shocked into the understanding they cannot just marry any “floozy” they meet under a streetlight. This woman must first be examined under the searchlight granted to the Apostle Peter, AND the board of elders (the remaining eleven Apostles). *“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose (Gk.-dissolve) on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”* Matthew 16:19. *“Whose soever sins ye remit (Gk.-forgive, lay aside), they are remitted (forgiven) unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain (Gk.-hold fast, keep), they are retained.”* John 20:23. *“Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and PRIESTS unto God.”* Revelation 1:5-6. Do you believe that the church (two or three elders) can forgive sins? This is the only door open to a woman that “has been put away” by divorce. Otherwise, any man marrying her will surely go to hell.

Only priests (collectively) can forgive sins! The word church in Greek is ecclesia--called out ones. You must read “two or three” in context, starting with Matthew 18:15-20. The subject is a “brother that sinned against thee,” a problem of church government. The one man show is over (for you) if you can read five verses of scripture. God does not entrust such power in one man, but says that if two (priests) can agree ON EARTH it shall be bound in heaven! Your sins will be remitted. Matthew 18:18. The power of the presbuteros (elders)!

God never left the church without government. *“And God hath set some in the church...governments.”* 1 Corinthians 12:28. Seemingly, no one asks the pertinent question, “What kind of government hath God set in the church? The Assemblies of God chose the hireling system of government. A pastor friend of mine, now deceased, Rev. Elmer Bleacher, would preach his heart out for \$40 a week as pastor of the Granada Assembly of God Church in Granada, Minnesota. “You keep him humble, Lord,” was the prayer of the church, “we’ll keep him broke!” This was not an uncommon experience for the potential hirelings graduating from the Assemblies of God Bible colleges across our land prior to the 1960’s.

Television, and Oral Roberts with his “Abundant Life” and prosperity message, brought Pentecostalism out of the rented storefront churches to mainstream America! Television seemingly was created for viewers that were anxiously waiting “to buy.” Jim and Tammy Bakker had a product to sell! Due to these pitch men, much to the surprise of Scofield’s Fundamentalists, the charismatic day of miracles was not over! The only reason the greatest “huckster” of them all, C. Thomas Patten, was kept as a local Bay Area incident was because television had not yet been invented.

“But go ye rather to them that sell, and BUY.” Matthew 25:9. This has to be the strangest instruction in the Bible, stemming from the lips of the wise virgins. To paraphrase, “Go and get the oil the way we did!”

I was twenty-two years old when I first became involved with the Pattens. I always thank God that I never received salvation at her altars. I was a baby in the Lord, one year old in Christ, and Dr. Bebe H. Patten would be my spiritual mother for the next five years. It was this very parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins that so locked me into her church. I needed OIL. Believe it or not, five thousand souls were saved in her first year in Oakland. Folk were being slain under the power and supernatural miracles of healing were taking place. One young man, his name was Buddy Baker, was healed instantly of osteomyelitis of the bones. Over fifteen inches of bone was removed by surgery. His healing was so complete, he returned to the ring as a “pugilist.”

Admittedly, this was the most incredible five years of my life. I was hungry for what Dr. Bebe H. Patten was selling. But, in all good conscience, could I tell another person to go to Bebe H. Patten who sells oil, and buy what she has to offer? Frankly, I could not, but it is the instruction given to the foolish virgins.

While in this revival, I would often ask, “How much oil do I need?” I never knew the answer, so I went to church almost every night of the year and three times on Sunday. It was strange, only while worshipping in her church did I feel I had sufficient oil.

Dr. Bebe H. Patten gave me a personal invitation to join the Bible College. I turned her down, stating, “Personally I don’t believe in Bible Colleges because I can’t find them in the Bible, but if God shows me to go to yours, only then will I attend.” That very same night, God gave me a dream and I saw myself sitting in a classroom of the Bible College. Now, I can see why. I wasn’t going to her Bible College, as much as going to His! In this atmosphere, God would use this experience some 50 years later to teach, as I am doing now, through the *RIVERBANK NEWS*. Without this experience, provided by these “Merchants of Oil,” I’d be now incapable of advising you to “Go to them that sell,” thus confirming the wisdom of the wise virgins. Anywhere you can obtain oil, buy it, regardless of the cost.

“Go ye rather to them that sell, and BUY.” What are you going to buy? The foolish virgins suddenly discovered, *“Give us of your oil; for our lamps have gone out.”* Matthew 25:8. They are buying oil! The Baptists don’t sell the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of having received tongues of fire. The Methodists don’t sell oil. A Nazarene clergy is immediately fired by the organization if he finds oil, even accidentally. The Lutherans want no part of tongue talking. The Presbyterians pride themselves that their clergy can understand Greek and Hebrew, but tongues of fire--no way!

Folk are all hung up on whether or not their minister can read the Greek and Hebrew and understand it. My problem with these “D.D.’s” (dead dogs) from Dallas Theological Seminary, is “Can they read and comprehend plain English?” *“But with whom was he grieved forty years?”* Hebrews 3:17. Were these eternally secure?

The instructions are there, “Go to them that sell.” I have a Nazarene friend that is hungry for this oil after being around me. On Sunday nights, he has been attending the Orangevale Assembly of God Church because he realizes he needs OIL. I tell him, “Go to them that sell oil, and buy” the truth they teach; the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. Matthew 3:11. Upon receiving, return to your own church with the evidence (the wine) that you have received.

The only reason I have a ministry today is due to my faithfulness of buying oil under the circumstances described. Many of you can sit back in your Midianite robes of religion, and be like the Pharisee in his prayer to God, *“I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican* (Nelson version: stupid, emotional Holy Roller). *I fast twice in the week. I give tithes of all that I possess.*” Luke 18:11-12.

“Buying oil” at such an exorbitant price--your youth! I gave the prime years of my life, age 21 to 26, for oil. Dr. Bebe H. Patten will probably be one you can go to to buy oil even after *“the door is shut.”* Matthew 25:10. She got my money, but I received her oil. That is the going exchange rate on “The Assembly of God Oil Exchange” market, in Springfield, MO. The Tulsa cartel’s rates are established by lottery; you send us \$1,000 and God will return \$10,000 (the hundred-fold blessing). Go to them that buy and sell and get your oil, regardless of the price you must pay.

“They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.” Micah 3:10