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Only believers "shall take up serpents" (of the sea). (Mk. 16:18)

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THE MIDNIGHT CRY! WHAT IS IT?

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"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."

(Matt. 25:6)

Matthew 25:1-6 - Parable of the Ten Virgins

- 1. "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
 - 2. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
 - 3. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
 - 4. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
 - 5. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."

"Search the Scriptures"

The Bible says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me..." (Hos. 4:6) We are commanded by Jesus, "Search the scriptures; for in them YE THINK YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE: and they are they which testify of me." (Jn. 5:39)

You cannot trust pulpit preaching! Pulpit preaching is designed to draw a crowd, to raise money, to build temples, to pay the preacher's salary, and to rebuild the Tower of Babel (Pentecostalism) into the heavens (TBN). "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Tim. 4:3-4)

50% of the Church Does Not Believe in "Tongues of Fire"

We are about to embark on an attempt to give the interpretation of a very difficult portion of scripture, The Parable of the Five Wise and the Five Foolish Virgins. "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: for with stammering lips and another tongue will he

speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: YET THEY WOULD NOT HEAR." (Isa. 28:9-12)

Isaiah has put his finger on the problem. The church is depicted as ten virgins, the number of completeness. Literally, 50% of the church does not believe these "stammering lips and another tongue," the baptism of "the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matt. 3:11), is an essential doctrine of scripture.

"I Will Open My Mouth in Parables"

"All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." (Matt. 13:34-35)

This parable concerns itself with two churches that existed together at the end time, namely Philadelphia and Laodicea. The principal single difference between these two churches is "oil," or being an overcomer.

Laodicea was "lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Rev. 3:16) They didn't need oil because they were eternally secure Calvinists. Laodicea was not cold like the World Council of Churches, but was rather like our evangelical virgins; unspotted from the world, stumbling over the 21st century stumbling block—the Holy Ghost.

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. But he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: HE SHALL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY GHOST, and with fire..." (Matt. 3:11)

"Have Ye Received the Holy Ghost Since Ye Believed?"

The Apostle Paul addressed "certain disciples" at Ephesus. "He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." (Acts 19:2) Whole denominations, such as the Southern Baptists, are beautiful virgins that are unspotted from the world, and will fall into this category. "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."

In Hebrews 4:1, we read, "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." The promise that the Apostle Paul is referring to is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and is "being left us" so we can "enter into his rest." Isaiah stated, "For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: YET THEY WOULD NOT HEAR." (Isa. 28:11-12)

If Jesus Did Not Give You Rest, You Are In The Wilderness

You Baptists don't want to hear about it! Yet, we Pentecostals sit around allowing the Baptists to interpret the Bible for us. We are guilty of compromising our gospel of deliverance for the wisdom of

Darby-Scofield theories. Apostle Peter never listened to them, but rather yelled at them, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye." (Acts 7:51) "For IF JESUS HAD GIVEN THEM REST, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day." (Heb. 4:8) "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another COMFORTER, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; FOR HE DWELLETH WITH YOU (when born again), and SHALL BE IN YOU (baptized in the Holy Ghost)." (Jn. 14:16-17) If Jesus never gave you rest, then you are still in the wilderness. Most truly born again believers backslide in the wilderness. They come out of Egypt (the world) and cross the Red Sea (type of Calvary) only to die in the wilderness, as did the children of Israel.

Laodicea - The Foolish Virgins?

Again, we see Laodicea with a Jesus alongside, or "dwelling with you." "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Rev. 3:20) Pentecostalism has never had a message to reach Southern Baptists and their Calvinistic doctrine. John Wesley and Methodism took on John Calvin head on. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." (Rev. 3:21) After the midnight hour, Baptists will have this testimony, "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." (Matt. 25:10)

The wise virgins instructed the foolish virgins where to go to get their own oil. "But go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves." (Matt. 25:9) It will cost you money to obtain that which is freely given from heaven. The wise are instructing the foolish on how they got their oil: from those Pentecostal charlatans that are "lords," selling the gospel on TBN.

It becomes more and more difficult to live for Christ as we approach the blackest part of the night—midnight. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." (Matt. 24:12) The foolish, realizing their dilemma, began inquiring about their lack of oil, "for our lamps are gone out." (Matt. 25:8) Without the Holy Ghost, one has no clear understanding of God's Word. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Ps. 119:105) "And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one." (1 Jn. 5:8)

The wise instructed the foolish virgins to go to them that "sell, and buy" to get oil. Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." (Matt. 10:8) This message on The Midnight Cry is freely given as a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple. Those that "sell, and buy" are your big time TV Pentecostal preachers that pay exorbitant prices for television time. Evidently, they'll still be here selling their books after the rapture takes place to pay for their TV time.

Philadelphia - The Wise Virgins

The Philadelphia church is the church of the open door. "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it..." (Rev. 3:8) It was the preaching of John Wesley

and the Methodist revival that opened the door to the great missionary awakening. John Wesley met Calvin's eternal security and predestination theory and overcame them. Calvinism would have returned the church to the Dark Ages: but God! God raised up at this same time George Whitfield, the greatest preacher England ever produced, who stood with John Wesley. Does every generation have to overcome this damnable heresy of Calvinism?

The Methodists were known as the "shakers." They shook under the power of God under John Wesley's preachers. "Give me a hundred men that love God and hate the devil, and I will rock this earth for Jesus Christ." John Wesley did that very thing.

Pentecostalism's grave error was that they didn't continue to build upon the foundation already laid by John and Charles Wesley and George Whitfield. There are only two churches at the end time, Philadelphia and Laodicea. Of which are you a member?

Pentecostal Jew Who "Restest In The Law"

Within this Philadelphia church, however, is a body of believers claiming to be spiritual Israel. "Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews (spiritual Israel), and are not, but do lie..." (Rev. 3:9) Who are these Christians who claim to be spiritual Israel? They are all of the synagogue of Satan because they all follow one man who is the "lords over God's heritage." (1 Pet. 5:3) The pastor acts "in place of Christ," the definition of antichrist (Strong's). "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." (1 Jn. 2:18) The government and the IRS define the church for this 21st century Christendom as merely three people: the pastor, the pastor's wife and the pastor's son. Using these guidelines of the IRS, the pastor and his family rule as dictators over their own synagogue of Satan, thus creating their own manmade kingdom.

Identifying a Pentecostal Jew – circumcision, a type of "tongues":

- #1 "Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law..." (Rom. 2:17) A Christian resteth in grace.
- #2 "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh." (Rom. 2:28) Speaking in tongues is "outward" and in your flesh. It becomes a type of circumcision if you "rest in the law," or perfection.
 - #3 "But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart..." (Rom. 2:29)

Due to the Father, the Bridegroom Was Delayed

In the parable that Jesus gave, there was no problem between these five wise and five foolish virgins. They lived in harmony side-by-side up until the time the prophetic time clock was to strike the midnight hour.

The bridegroom was supposed to arrive a half-hour before midnight to fetch his bride.1

¹ According to Joachim Jeremias, authority on ancient Jewish customs in his "The Parables of Jesus".

"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." (Matt. 25:5)

In fact, the bride knew the length of time of the betrothal; it was agreed upon at the beginning of the engagement. She knew the time of the groom's coming right from the start of the engagement. If not the actual day, at least that it would be at the end of the twelve month engagement. The coming of the groom was NEVER considered by the bride to be "imminent" during the 12 months of their separation. It is simply disingenuous for pre-trib writers to attach the idea of "imminence" to the bride's expectation. Not until the twelve months had passed, and the arrangements made for the consummation of the wedding, did she consider his coming to be "imminent." And even then, she was certainly made aware, in advance, of the day on which to make herself ready and to expect his arrival. His coming was not actually "imminent," in the sense pre-tribbers use the term, until the shout from the young men who ran ahead of the procession. ²

In a similar fashion, we are betrothed to Jesus Christ. We drink the cup of wine in commemoration of the wedding agreement. He will come to us on the third day (A thousand years is but a day on God's calendar.) "And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee..." (Jn. 2:1) Why do you suppose this wedding was the beginning of Jesus' miracles if it were not to be read into the betrothal agreement?

It has been 2,000 years (or 2 days) since Christ went away. Jesus will return on the third day. "Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you...And now I have told you before it come to pass..." (Jn. 14:28-29) Jesus told us He would come for us in the third day! It is no kidnapping or snatching away as the pre-tribbers try to tell us. It is all written down in the betrothal agreement, which is the Bible. "Behold, I come quickly!" (Rev. 22:7)

The Father Will Determine The Time

The Father will determine when the place the Son has prepared for the bride is ready. It was the Father that delayed the Son one-half hour in coming for His Son's bride. But, first, before He comes, according to the betrothal agreement, the moon must turn to blood! If Harold Camping, the sole owner of Family Radio, Inc. out of Oakland, Calif. had read the contract, he would never have advertised the book 88 Reasons Why The Rapture Will Be In 1988, by Edgar Whisenant. Nor would Camping have written his own book, 1994?, targeting September 6, 1994 as the date for the final trump. To believe a lie is as damnable as purposely telling a lie. Harold Camping does not believe the betrothal agreement which clearly states that Jesus cannot return before the "moon becomes as blood" (Rev. 6:12)

"Moon Into Blood"

"And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the MOON INTO BLOOD, before that great and notable day of the Lord come." (Acts 2:19-20)

Have you seen the moon turn to blood? How could you dare believe in the imminent return of Christ, then? "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." (1 Thess. 5:4)

² The Last Trumpet – Jewish Wedding Customs and the Rapture

Luke, the great physician, vindicates Apostle Peter's declaration given on the day of Pentecost. "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the MOON...And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And WHEN THESE THINGS BEGIN TO COME TO PASS, THEN LOOK UP, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Lk. 21:25-28) One does not even anticipate His coming before the moon turns to blood! Jesus will be on time, according to the betrothal agreement. Only the Father could delay the Son from being on time.

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and THE MOON SHALL NOT GIVE HER LIGHT, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matt. 24:29-31)

Using this key of the "moon turning to blood" as recorded in Matthew 24:29, we can pinpoint the rapture in the book of Revelation. "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the MOON BECAME AS BLOOD." (Rev. 6:12) It is from this key we know Jesus Christ will come with the opening of the sixth seal, which places the rapture close to the middle of Daniel's 70th week. Jesus wrote in the betrothal agreement, "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess. 5:9) This is comparing apples with apples.

Day of Wrath is Come!

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great DAY OF HIS WRATH is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:15-17)

Jesus wrote a warning in the original betrothal agreement. "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." (Lk. 21:34-36)

JESUS NEVER PROMISED US WE'D ESCAPE TRIBULATION. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (Jn. 16:33) Tribulation is something man does, but "the wrath" is something God does. You don't want to be around for God's wrath upon this ungodly world. One famous preacher once said, "If you went to a movie and saw on the screen this day of God's wrath (the last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years) upon the earth, you'd die of a heart attack just viewing the wrath of God being poured out on the screen."

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt. 24:21-22)

Pre-Wrath Rapture Doctrine

To believe God will send His elect all the way through the "Day of God's Wrath," or the post-tribulation rapturist theory, is utterly inconceivable to me.

In his <u>Sketches of Jewish Social Life</u>, Alfred Edersheim wrote that the custom in Jesus' day was to have the wedding on a Wednesday, allowing the first three days of the week for the bride to prepare herself for her groom's coming.³

Marriage with a maiden was commonly celebrated on a Wednesday afternoon, which allowed the first days of the week for preparation, and enabled the husband, if he had a charge to prefer against the previous chastity of his bride, to make immediate complaint before the local Sanhedrim, which sat every Thursday.⁴

The marriage at Cana of Galilee was on the third day of the week.

This custom of a Jewish wedding certainly supports the Pre-Wrath Rapture doctrine as given in Robert Van Kampen's book <u>The Sign</u>. This is an amazing book written by a graduate of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. This is the same school Billy Graham graduated from. Please obtain a copy.

The young man prepared a *Ketubah*, or marriage contract (or covenant) which he presented to the intended bride and her father. Included in this was the "Bride Price" (dowry), which was appropriate in that society to compensate the young woman's parents for the cost of raising her, as well as being an expression of his love for her.

To see if the proposal was accepted, the young man would pour a cup of wine for his beloved and wait to see if she drank it. This cup represents a blood covenant. If she drank the cup she would have accepted the proposal and they would be betrothed. The young man would then give gifts to his beloved, and then take his leave. The young woman would have to wait for him to return and collect her. ⁵

<u>Universal Jewish Encyclopedia</u>...regarding the Jewish customs...says plainly on pp. VII. 372-373 that the time of engagement was 12 months. ⁶

Nobody Will Be "Left Behind"

Midnight means the middle of the night. Jesus Christ will return to rapture the church at midnight; the middle of Daniel's 70th week. There will be nobody "left behind." This is all a hoax to substantiate John Darby's theory of a pre-trib rapture. If you believe this poppycock, then you must create still another rapture to get those out that are "left behind." The Bible only speaks of two resurrections; one

³ The Last Trumpet – Jewish Wedding Customs and the Rapture

⁴ Edersheim, Alfred: Sketches of Jewish Social Life, chapter IX

⁵ Jewish Weddings - http://fp.thebeers.f9.co.uk/weddings.htm

⁶ The Last Trumpet – Jewish Wedding Customs and the Rapture

before the millennium and the second resurrection after the millennium. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." (Rev. 20:6)

When the Catholic Church quits preaching Purgatory, evangelical America will stop teaching this pre-trib rapture doctrine. Both doctrines bring money into the coffers of the church, therefore are sacred cows of fundamentalism.

Two Signs Precede the Rapture

Apostle Paul warns about this sort of thing, knowing it would happen. Please read 2 Thess. 2:1-3. "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him (in the clouds), that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word (from an Apostle), nor by letter as from us (Paul and Silas), as that the day of Christ is at hand (imminent). Let no man deceive you (not even the Darby-Scofield theology) by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come--

#1 - a falling away first,

- a. The greatest falling away will occur among pre-tribbers with Calvinistic theology during the first 3½ years of Daniel's 70th week.
- b. The disillusionment that their favorite TV idol preacher had lied to them will be too much to overcome.
- #2 and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition..."
 - a. Judas was described as a son of perdition.
 - b. Some believe the same spirit that was in Judas will reappear in Antichrist.
 - c. I've made the prediction that the Antichrist's debut to a worldwide audience will be on TBN. He'll be knowledgeable about the Anglican Church, for I believe Prince Charles will be chosen to be the President of the European Union, who cry for a man to lead them. "We care not whether he be a god or a devil." Please get a copy of Tim Cohen's book, <u>The Antichrist</u> and a Cup of Tea.

Paul, writing to the Thessalonians, says it plainly that if you are blinded to what the great Apostle is saying, you simply wish to be deceived, which is your prerogative. However, you'll see the christ of this earth before you see the Christ in the sky. No one will be "left behind." Everyone will have made up their mind which "christ" they wish to serve by the time of the rapture.

"If Any Man Be Ignorant, Let Him Be Ignorant"

The great Apostle Paul goes on to say, "But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant." (1 Cor. 14:38) And the angel said unto Apostle John, "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book (Revelation): for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy

still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." (Rev. 22:10-12)

This all sounds like the days of Noah when a "preacher of righteousness" preached 120 years and never got one convert. They all wanted to remain, "filthy still."

The great day of His wrath is come, signified by the blowing of the seven trumpets after the opening of the seventh seal. (Rev. 8) The church has been raptured during the opening of the sixth seal. Six is the number of man. He was created on the sixth day. "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair (mohair garments were worn as a sign of grief – Strong's), and the MOON BECAME AS BLOOD; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind." (Rev. 6:12-13)

Fig Tree is Reference to Israel

The reference to the fig tree always refers to Israel, who is being blown by mighty winds of Islam, Russia, France, Germany and the United Nations. Israel is a sign of Christ's return, but not the only sign, as the pre-tribbers would have you believe.

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh..." (Matt. 24:32) How about a great earthquake in the San Andreas fault that would cause the entire west coast of California to sink into the ocean? How about a star coming at the speed of light hitting a major metropolitan area like Los Angeles? These pre-trib, secret snatching away artists in our pulpits omit all these signs, instead being completely silent on these signs. If our preachers would preach on them it would get people's attention, and cause the unknowledgeable to repent.

According to Apostle Peter, preaching on the Day of Pentecost, it is after all these signs, "And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke (volcanoes): the sun shall be turned into darkness (total eclipse), and the MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE the great and notable day of the Lord come..." And God says these signs in the heavens will cause backsliders and sinners to repent. It is still not too late to be saved. "...and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Acts 2:19-21)

NO ONE IS GOING TO HELL THAT DOESN'T WANT TO GO THERE! God, with these signs, is a greater preacher than Billy Graham! No one will be left behind because God is doing the preaching!

Following God's sermon to earthlings, is when the rapture takes place. The rapture represents God's altar call for sinners to repent. The Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." God is "longsuffering to us-ward" (2 Pet. 3:9), but His patience will finally wear out, and it is only then that His angel will blow the "last trump" before ushering in the day of God's wrath.

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (1 Cor. 15:51-53)

Heaven Departs As A Scroll

It is after all the above has transpired that the Bible says, "And the HEAVEN DEPARTED AS A SCROLL when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places." (Rev. 6:14) "The heaven departed as a scroll" to allow all the saints of the earth to go up through a hole in the sky in the north. North is always up toward heaven.

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb...And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev. 7:9-10, 13-14) This great multitude that no man could number is God's great altar call prior to the blowing of the last trump.

Cup of Cold Water

Never give up teaching and preaching to your loved ones. Jesus said, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." (Matt. 10:42) That "cup of cold water" is the word of God you attempt to give "only in the name of a disciple"—not in the name of some big shot evangelist on Christian TV. You give the cup, and watch God go to work! "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isa. 55:11)

You'll be surprised when you hear that your cup of cold water resulted in a repentant when God gives the nations their final altar call.