

## WHO REALLY COMPOSED THE POEM “THE BRIDE”?

I have a little story to share about the poem entitled “The Bride.” I’m sure, you will find the way in which it came about, equally inspiring!

One week several years ago I was doing a study on the different layers of clothing the High Priest wore. I had spent days researching, reading, and composing PAGES of information by hand. When I use the phrase “by hand,” I actually mean writing out my thoughts the old-fashioned way with an ink pen; not typing them out on a fancy computer system.

Anyhow, after many long hours and days of study, I was exhausted! I had been hoping that the Lord would give me some DIVINE insight, or revelation for our upcoming newsletter. Instead, the deadline was creeping upon us and all the pages of information I had collected somehow did not seem to develop properly.

I remember it was around 5:15 in the afternoon on the day the Lord gave me His poem about “The Bride.” I was ready to give up working on the newsletter. I looked at the clock and realized it was almost time for me to start fixing dinner. I recall sitting at my desk with books heaped up all around me, pages and pages of notes from my study lying scattered about me, and a thoroughly INK-DRAINED pen!

As I looked at the pen, I could feel “writer’s cramp” setting into my finger joints – tired, I bowed my head over all the things I had worked on and began to do some SERIOUS praying! My prayer went something like this....

“Dear Lord Jesus, why is this happening to me? I have worked so hard trying to prepare something for your people – to encourage them. You know Lord, before I began this work, I gave it to you. I asked you to help me to KNOW what you wanted me to work on. Lord, your Word says, to study to show thyself approved unto God and to be a workman who will not be ashamed. Lord, I cannot help but think about your parable in Matthew 25, about the wise and foolish virgins. I am trying to be wise and study. I am trying to be led by YOUR SPIRIT. I do not understand why everything I have been working on concerning this article is not coming together properly! Will you PLEASE help me, Lord?”

As I sat quietly at my desk, I felt the Lord in a very gentle, loving way begin to speak to my heart. I heard Him in my spirit, through prayer and what He told me

that night CHANGED MY PERSPECTIVE, regarding many THINGS about HIS WORK.

As I bowed before Him, I heard the Holy Spirit instruct me to pick up my pen and look at it. As I did, I noticed it was almost EMPTY and I remembered it was a brand new BIC pen when I initially began working on this study. I looked at the pages of material that had been written and I felt the Lord tell me, “I want to teach you a special lesson about the wise and foolish virgins. THIS IS what I want you to give to my people.” Well, needless to say, I LISTENED since I had finally gotten His attention, OR should I say HE HAD GOTTEN MINE!

What He told me went something like this.... “Just as this pen was used to write pages and pages of material about a Holy subject, and many hours of long, tedious work was taken up by it – it is not what I really want my people to hear. So many of my people are spending a lot of time and energy doing things that may seem right to them and to others, but they are not really doing a divinely inspired work that is so pleasing to me AND AS A RESULT, they are burning themselves out.”

As an example, He told me to look at my empty pen. He showed me, through this time of prayer, that He wanted me to do everything that I had done while preparing this lesson, in order for me to correctly understand what He wanted to teach me. I was made to SEE how all those pages of seemingly good CHRISTIAN material, written out and draining the pen and myself completely was a work in vain. As I studied my empty pen, I was made AWARE of the foolish virgins in Matthew 25 and how their oil ran out of their vessel. I also thought about the wise and how they not only had oil in their vessels BUT EXTRA as well!

As I continued in the spirit of prayer I understood the Lord to tell me, “Now pick up your pen and let me show you what I’m talking about.” With that instruction and the minuscule amount of ink left in the cartridge – the pool about the 5 wise and 5 foolish virgins flowed onto my paper without hesitation. After HE GAVE IT TO ME, I read it and trembled before God! (WOULDN’T YOU?) He said, “In a matter of seconds and with a very small amount of ink and effort, I HAVE GIVEN YOU A MESSAGE that will travel across the land. Just like the oil that the 5 wise virgins possess – I will take this little ink and multiply it to my glory!” He showed me how their little, became MUCH! So much in fact, that in some miraculous way, they had a DIVINE overflow! He showed me how HIS TRUTH IS MARCHING ON!

Though I was the one to pen the poem “*THE BRIDE*,” I am not its author! I learned a lesson that night and the Lord Jesus Christ has shown me in my spirit that I am to share with you what He taught me. As honestly as I know how, I have tried to help you understand so that you might gain WISDOM as well.

In closing, I would like to share with you one more interesting testimony. Since that time the Lord has given me other poems about the KINGDOM. Each of them came in the same divine fashion! They seemed to flow right from the Heart of God. So please keep in mind, I am NOT REALLY THE AUTHOR but merely the student penning the Master’s Words – AND ALL THE GLORY GOES TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, for the edification of HIS CHURCH.

KEEP LOOKING UP,  
Cindy

As described on the Homepage of [ProphecyCountdown.com](http://ProphecyCountdown.com), Cindy went to be with the Lord in October 2024. After her passing, we found her book of Kingdom poems described above.

The above story of how the poem “*The Bride*” was written was included as an introduction to her Kingdom Poems.

The Second Edition (paperback) of *Salvation of the Soul* includes several of Cindy’s writings including her poem “*The Bride*” found on the following page.

We hope to update the Kindle and Audible versions in the future. Also, we hope to publish her Kingdom Poems. Please let us know by writing us or via Email if you are interested in receiving a copy.

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**THE BRIDE (Matthew 25:1-13) by Cindy**

A lamp with oil  
All 10 did possess  
But, remember, 5 were wise  
And 5 were foolish.  
Those who were wise  
Heeded the call  
By hearing God's voice:  
"Give me your all"  
The foolish however  
Squandered their worth  
They did not shine for Jesus  
Nor the people on earth.  
They heard "The Cry"  
Along with the wise  
This is how the foolish  
Were taken by surprise:  
Their light became impoverished  
For their joy did not spread  
The 'oil of gladness' for them  
Flickered out instead.  
But the wise grew brighter  
With a special over-flow  
The more they loved Jesus  
They gained a purer glow.  
Though the cry was mighty  
Five questioned the call  
They could not comprehend:  
'Come give me your all.'  
For if they truly loved Him  
They would have understood the plea  
For hidden in the message is:  
'My Beloved come to Me.'  
The 5 wise virgins heard this impassioned cry  
....And answered 'Yes, my Beloved,  
I am coming, it is I'  
So they laid it all down  
Living only to serve  
The moral of the 10 virgins is:  
Each got what they deserve.