

THE LAST GREAT AWAKENING  
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# CHAPTER ONE

## THE BURDEN OF THE HOUR

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

A call to spiritual awakening, readiness, and intimacy with Christ in preparation for His coming, emphasizing the necessity of being spiritually prepared with “oil” rather than merely appearing ready.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Matthew 25 (parable of the ten virgins)
- Joel 2:1
- Genesis 1 (referenced: Spirit hovering over the deep)
- John (referenced: “Lift up your eyes and see the fields”)
- Romans 13:11
- Joel (referenced: “I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh”)
- Habakkuk (referenced: “The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord”)

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

The cited Scriptures emphasize readiness for Christ’s coming and the urgency of spiritual awakening. Matthew 25 reveals that true preparedness is demonstrated through possessing “oil,” symbolizing genuine relationship and readiness, not outward appearance. Joel 2:1 and Romans 13:11 highlight the urgency of awakening and responding to God’s timing. The prophetic passages about God pouring out His Spirit and filling the earth with His glory point to a coming widespread move of God that requires a prepared and responsive people.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. In Matthew 25, what distinguishes the wise from the foolish virgins, and how does that apply to your own spiritual life?
2. According to Romans 13:11, what does it mean to “awake out of sleep” in your current walk?

3. How does the call to “blow the trumpet” in Joel 2:1 relate to spiritual urgency in your life?
4. What does it look like for you personally to have “oil” rather than just a “lamp”?
5. How do the promises of God pouring out His Spirit influence your expectation and readiness?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What practical differences do you see between having spiritual “appearance” versus true spiritual substance?
2. Why do you think Jesus emphasized readiness in the parable of the ten virgins?
3. How can believers discern the “urgency of the hour” without becoming fearful or reactive?
4. In what ways can a group or church cultivate “oil” (spiritual readiness and intimacy)?
5. How should the expectation of a coming outpouring of God’s Spirit shape daily life and priorities?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, awaken my heart to Your voice and Your timing. Search me and reveal anything in me that has grown complacent or distracted. Teach me to live ready, not just in appearance but in truth. Fill me with Your Spirit and draw me into deeper intimacy with You. Let my life reflect a genuine hunger for Your presence. Help me respond to Your call with urgency, obedience, and surrender. Prepare me to meet You with a heart that is full and a life that is aligned with Your will. In Jesus’ name, amen.

### Activation Step

Set aside intentional, uninterrupted time this week to seek God personally (through prayer, worship, or Scripture), focusing specifically on cultivating genuine intimacy rather than routine practice.

## CHAPTER TWO

# THE MIDNIGHT CRY

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

A call to awaken and be spiritually prepared for Christ's return, emphasizing readiness through possessing "oil" (true spiritual life) as revealed in the midnight cry.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Matthew 25:6
- Exodus 12:29
- Ruth 3:8
- Matthew 24:2–5
- Matthew 24:3
- Matthew 24:45–51
- Matthew 25:1–13
- Matthew 8
- 1 Thessalonians 5:2
- Matthew 24:44
- Matthew 24:4–5
- Matthew 24:12
- Matthew 24:14
- 1 John 2:18
- Amos 8:11
- 2 Timothy 3:5
- Zechariah 4:6
- Matthew 25:12
- Matthew 7:23
- Joel 2:1
- Joel 2:25
- Joel 2:28
- Romans 13:11–12

## BIBLICAL INSIGHT

The cited Scriptures reveal that the “midnight cry” is a moment of urgency, awakening, and separation. Matthew 25 shows that readiness is proven by possessing oil, not merely outward appearance. Passages like 1 Thessalonians 5:2 and Matthew 24:44 emphasize the unexpected nature of Christ’s return, requiring continual preparedness. The warnings of deception, lawlessness, and spiritual decline (Matthew 24; 2 Timothy 3:5) highlight the need for discernment, while Joel 2 reveals both a call to awaken and a promise of restoration and outpouring for those who respond. Together, these Scriptures teach that this is a decisive moment requiring immediate spiritual readiness.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. According to Matthew 25:6, what does the “midnight cry” demand from those who hear it?
2. How do the warnings in Matthew 24 shape your understanding of spiritual readiness?
3. What does it mean to be “ready” if Christ returns unexpectedly (Matthew 24:44)?
4. How does Romans 13:11–12 challenge your current level of spiritual alertness?
5. In light of Joel 2, how do warning and promise work together in God’s call to His people?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think Jesus used the imagery of “midnight” to describe His return?
2. What are practical ways believers can remain spiritually awake in a culture of distraction?
3. How can a church discern between outward activity and true spiritual “oil”?
4. What does it look like to respond to God’s warning as mercy rather than fear?
5. How should the promise of restoration and outpouring (Joel 2) influence how we live today?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, awaken me to Your voice and Your timing. Keep my heart alert and my spirit prepared. Expose anything in me that is complacent or empty, and fill me with Your Spirit. Teach me to

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live ready for Your coming, not in fear but in faithfulness. Help me discern truth from deception and remain steadfast in Your Word. Let my life reflect readiness, purity, and devotion to You. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

Evaluate your daily spiritual habits this week and intentionally remove one distraction that hinders your attentiveness to God, replacing it with focused time in prayer or Scripture.



## CHAPTER THREE

# UNDERSTANDING THE HOUR

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

A call to discern and recognize God’s appointed time (“the hour”) and respond with spiritual awareness, urgency, and obedience.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Romans 13:11
- Genesis 6–7
- Luke 17:26
- Numbers 13–14
- Numbers 13:30
- Luke 19:41–44
- Matthew 25:5
- Romans 13:12

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

The Scriptures emphasize the importance of recognizing God’s timing and responding appropriately. Romans 13:11 calls believers to awaken because the moment is urgent. The examples of Noah’s generation, Israel in the wilderness, and Jerusalem show that failure to discern God’s timing leads to missed opportunities and consequences. Matthew 25:5 reveals that even those waiting for God can fall into spiritual slumber. Romans 13:12 reinforces that this is a time to cast off darkness and walk in light, aligning with God’s present activity.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. According to Romans 13:11, what does it mean for you personally to “know the time”?
2. What lessons can you draw from Noah’s generation about recognizing God’s warning?
3. How does Israel’s response in Numbers 13–14 challenge your faith and obedience?

4. What does Jesus' response to Jerusalem (Luke 19:41–44) reveal about missing God's timing?
5. In Matthew 25:5, how can spiritual slumber affect readiness?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why is discerning God's timing often difficult for believers?
2. How can a community of believers help one another stay spiritually aware and awake?
3. What are modern-day examples of missing or responding to a "kairos" moment?
4. How does spiritual urgency differ from fear or pressure?
5. What practical steps can help believers walk in light rather than darkness (Romans 13:12)?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, give me discernment to recognize the time and season You have placed me in. Open my eyes so I do not miss what You are doing. Remove any spiritual blindness or complacency in my life. Help me walk in obedience and faith when You call me to act. Teach me to cast off darkness and live in Your light. Align my heart with Your purpose in this hour. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

Take time this week to prayerfully reflect on one area of your life where you may be delaying obedience, and take a specific step to respond to God immediately.

## CHAPTER FOUR

# THE ENCOUNTER THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

God initiates encounters that awaken, transform, and commission individuals, calling for a response of surrender and obedience to His voice.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Matthew 3:11
- Malachi 3:2–3
- Romans 13:11
- Ephesians 5:14
- Isaiah 60:1–2
- Matthew 25 (parable of the ten virgins)
- Isaiah 6:8
- Matthew 25:6
- Isaiah 45:8
- Joel 2:28
- Romans 13:12

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

These Scriptures reveal that true encounters with God bring transformation and calling. Matthew 3:11 and Malachi 3:2–3 point to the refining and purifying work of God’s “fire” in a believer’s life. Romans 13:11 and Ephesians 5:14 emphasize awakening from spiritual sleep, while Isaiah 60:1–2 highlights the rising of God’s light in times of darkness. The parable in Matthew 25 reinforces the necessity of readiness through intimacy (“oil”). Isaiah 6:8 demonstrates the proper response to encounter—willing surrender and obedience. Together, these passages show that encountering God leads to awakening, purification, and commission.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. According to Matthew 3:11 and Malachi 3:2–3, what is the purpose of God’s refining work in your life?
2. How do Romans 13:11 and Ephesians 5:14 call you to respond to spiritual awakening?
3. What does Isaiah 60:1–2 reveal about your role in times of increasing darkness?
4. In Matthew 25, how does the concept of “oil” relate to personal intimacy with God?
5. How does Isaiah 6:8 challenge your willingness to respond to God’s call?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What are the common characteristics of a genuine encounter with God based on these Scriptures?
2. Why is surrender essential following an encounter with God?
3. How can believers maintain spiritual fire after experiencing a powerful moment with God?
4. What does it mean to move from “visitation” to “commission” in a biblical sense?
5. How can a group encourage one another to respond to God with a willing “yes”?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, I open my heart to encounter You in truth. Search me, refine me, and remove anything that does not reflect Your holiness. Awaken me from spiritual complacency and fill me with Your light. Teach me to respond to Your voice with surrender and obedience. Let my life reflect Your purpose, and use me according to Your will. Here I am, Lord—send me. In Jesus’ name, amen.

### Activation Step

Set aside dedicated time this week to seek God intentionally, asking Him to reveal any area of your life that needs surrender, and respond with a clear “yes” through a specific act of obedience.

## CHAPTER FIVE

# NOW FAITH

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

Faith operates in the present (“now”), requiring immediate trust and action in response to God’s word rather than delay or future expectation.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Hebrews 11:1
- Numbers 13:30
- Romans 13:11
- Luke 8:52
- John 11:11
- Song of Solomon 5:2
- John 11:23–25

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

The Scriptures reveal that faith is not future-oriented but present and active. Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as “now,” meaning it operates in immediate trust. Numbers 13:30 shows faith responding without delay, while Romans 13:11 calls for awakening in the present moment. The accounts in Luke 8 and John 11 illustrate that what appears as “sleep” or delay is met by Jesus with immediate life and action. John 11:23–25 emphasizes that Jesus Himself is the present reality of resurrection, not merely a future hope. Together, these passages show that true faith responds now, believing and acting on God’s word without postponement.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. According to Hebrews 11:1, how does “now faith” differ from hoping for something in the future?
2. What does Numbers 13:30 teach about responding immediately to God’s promises?
3. How does Romans 13:11 challenge you to act in the present rather than delay?
4. In John 11:23–25, what does it mean that Jesus is the resurrection “now”?

5. Where in your life might you be postponing what God is calling you to believe or do today?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why do people often delay acting on what they believe God has said?
2. How can believers practically live with a mindset of “now faith”?
3. What is the difference between faith and passive waiting?
4. How do the examples of Jesus addressing “sleep” (Luke 8, John 11) relate to spiritual awakening?
5. How can a group encourage one another to move from belief into action?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, teach me to walk in true faith that responds to You in the present moment. Remove any hesitation, doubt, or delay from my heart. Help me trust Your word fully and act on it with confidence. Awaken my spirit to recognize what You are doing now, and give me the courage to respond in obedience. Let my life reflect active, living faith that honors You. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

Identify one specific area where you have been waiting or delaying, and take a clear, immediate step of obedience this week in response to what you believe God has already spoken.

## CHAPTER SIX

# THE WAR ON TIME

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

A call to recognize and redeem time through spiritual awareness and intentional living, understanding that time is significant in God’s purpose and must not be wasted in distraction or delay.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Romans 13:11
- Ephesians 5:14
- Matthew 25 (parable of the ten virgins)

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

The Scriptures emphasize that time carries spiritual urgency. Romans 13:11 calls believers to awaken because of the lateness of the hour. Ephesians 5:14 reinforces the need to rise from spiritual sleep and walk in light. The parable in Matthew 25 reveals that delay exposes preparedness—those who are ready endure, while those who are not are revealed. Together, these passages show that time is not neutral; it reveals the condition of the heart and requires intentional response to God.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How does Romans 13:11 shape your understanding of the urgency of time?
2. What does it mean for you personally to “awake” according to Ephesians 5:14?
3. In Matthew 25, how does delay reveal true spiritual condition?
4. Where in your life might time be slipping away through distraction or neglect?
5. How can you become more intentional with the time God has given you?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why is time often undervalued in spiritual life?

2. How can believers balance patience with urgency?
3. What are common distractions that pull people away from spiritual focus?
4. How can a community help one another stay accountable with time and purpose?
5. What does it look like to live with awareness of God's timing daily?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, awaken me to the value and urgency of time. Help me not to waste what You have entrusted to me. Reveal any distractions or patterns that pull me away from Your purpose. Teach me to live intentionally, walking in light and responding to Your voice. Align my life with Your timing, and give me wisdom to use each moment for Your glory. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

Audit your daily schedule this week and intentionally dedicate a specific block of time each day to focused spiritual pursuit (prayer, Scripture, or worship), removing one unnecessary distraction.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

# THE AWAKENING OF THE BRIDE

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

A call for the Church (the Bride) to awaken into readiness, purity, and devotion, preparing herself in response to the Bridegroom.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Matthew 25 (parable of the ten virgins)
- Matthew 25:6
- Romans 13:11
- Ephesians 5:14

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

The Scriptures emphasize that the Bride must awaken and prepare for the Bridegroom. Matthew 25 reveals that readiness is marked by possessing oil and responding to the midnight cry. Romans 13:11 and Ephesians 5:14 reinforce the urgency of awakening from spiritual sleep. Together, these passages show that awakening is not passive—it requires intentional preparation, responsiveness, and a life aligned with readiness for Christ.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. In Matthew 25, what does it mean for the Bride to be “ready” when the Bridegroom comes?
2. How does the “midnight cry” (Matthew 25:6) challenge your current level of spiritual alertness?
3. What does Romans 13:11 reveal about the timing of awakening?
4. How does Ephesians 5:14 call you to respond personally to spiritual sleep?
5. What does “oil” represent in your daily relationship with God?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What are practical ways believers can live as a prepared Bride rather than a passive observer?
2. Why is spiritual awakening often resisted or delayed?
3. How can a group or church cultivate readiness together?
4. What does it look like to respond immediately to God's call rather than waiting?
5. How can believers help one another stay spiritually awake in this season?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, awaken me as part of Your Bride. Remove any spiritual sleep, distraction, or complacency in my life. Help me to live ready, with a heart devoted fully to You. Fill me with Your Spirit and teach me to respond quickly to Your voice. Prepare me to meet You with joy, purity, and faithfulness. Let my life reflect true readiness for Your coming. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

Commit to one intentional daily act this week that strengthens your spiritual readiness (such as focused prayer, repentance, or worship), specifically asking God to "awaken" your heart.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

# THE BRIDE'S TROUBLED NIGHT

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

A call for the Bride to remain steadfast in seeking and responding to God, even in seasons of absence, difficulty, or spiritual tension.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Song of Solomon 5:2
- Song of Solomon 5 (general passage reference)

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

The passage in Song of Solomon reveals a moment where the Bride hesitates in responding to the Bridegroom, resulting in a season of searching and longing. This illustrates that delayed response can lead to distance in experience, even though the relationship still exists. The Scripture emphasizes the importance of immediate obedience and persistent pursuit. Even in troubled or silent seasons, the Bride must continue seeking until she finds Him again.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. In Song of Solomon 5:2, what does the Bride's delayed response reveal about spiritual sensitivity?
2. How do you personally respond when you sense God calling you?
3. What can you learn from the Bride's pursuit after realizing her delay?
4. Have you experienced a "troubled night" spiritually, and how did you respond?
5. What does persistent seeking look like in your daily life?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why do believers sometimes hesitate when God prompts them to respond?
2. How can seasons of silence or distance deepen one's relationship with God?
3. What are practical ways to remain faithful during spiritually difficult seasons?

4. How can a community support one another through “troubled nights”?
5. What does it mean to actively pursue God rather than passively wait?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, help me to respond quickly when You call. Forgive me for any hesitation or delay in obeying Your voice. In moments when I feel distant or uncertain, give me the strength to seek You with all my heart. Teach me to remain faithful in every season, trusting that You are near even when I cannot feel You. Draw me closer to You and deepen my pursuit of Your presence. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

This week, when you sense a prompting from God (through Scripture, prayer, or conviction), respond immediately with action instead of delay.

## CHAPTER NINE

# ARISE AND BUY OIL

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

A call to personally pursue and obtain spiritual readiness (“oil”), recognizing that intimacy with God cannot be borrowed and must be acquired individually.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Matthew 25:1–13
- Matthew 25:8–9
- Matthew 25:10–12
- Isaiah 55:1

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

Matthew 25 reveals that the foolish virgins lacked oil and could not borrow from others, showing that spiritual readiness is personal and cannot be transferred. Their attempt to obtain oil came too late, emphasizing urgency. Isaiah 55:1 presents the invitation to “buy” without cost, pointing to a willing response to God’s invitation. Together, these Scriptures show that while the opportunity to receive from God is freely given, it still requires intentional pursuit and response before it is too late.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. According to Matthew 25, why couldn’t the foolish virgins rely on others for oil?
2. What does it mean in your life to “buy oil” spiritually?
3. How does Matthew 25:10–12 emphasize the urgency of preparation?
4. What does Isaiah 55:1 reveal about God’s invitation to receive from Him?
5. Are there areas where you are depending on others spiritually instead of pursuing God yourself?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why is personal responsibility important in spiritual growth?
2. What are common ways people try to “borrow oil” today?
3. How can believers practically pursue intimacy with God daily?
4. What does urgency in spiritual preparation look like in everyday life?
5. How can a group encourage one another while still maintaining personal responsibility before God?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, teach me to pursue You personally and intentionally. Help me not to rely on others for what You are calling me to seek myself. Stir a hunger in my heart for Your presence, and give me urgency to respond while there is still time. Draw me deeper into intimacy with You and fill my life with the oil of Your Spirit. Let me be ready when You come. In Jesus’ name, amen.

### Activation Step

Set aside dedicated personal time this week (without relying on group settings or others) to seek God deeply—through prayer, Scripture, or worship—with the specific focus of cultivating your own “oil.”

# CHAPTER TEN

## AWAKEN THE GOD CRY

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

A call to awaken a deep, persistent spiritual hunger and cry for God that aligns the heart with His will and invites His movement.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Psalm 42:1
- Jeremiah 29:13
- Matthew 5:6
- Romans 8:26

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

These Scriptures reveal that a genuine cry for God flows from deep spiritual hunger and dependence. Psalm 42:1 expresses a longing for God's presence, while Jeremiah 29:13 shows that those who seek Him wholeheartedly will find Him. Matthew 5:6 promises that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled. Romans 8:26 reveals that even when words fail, the Spirit helps express that cry. Together, they show that awakening begins with an inward longing that draws us into deeper relationship with God.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does Psalm 42:1 reveal about the nature of spiritual hunger?
2. According to Jeremiah 29:13, what is required to truly find God?
3. How does Matthew 5:6 encourage you in your pursuit of righteousness?
4. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your prayer life (Romans 8:26)?
5. How would you describe your current "cry" for God?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to have a genuine "God cry" versus routine prayer?

2. Why is spiritual hunger essential for awakening?
3. How can believers cultivate deeper desire for God?
4. What are common obstacles that dull spiritual hunger?
5. How can a group environment encourage deeper seeking without replacing personal pursuit?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, awaken within me a deep hunger for You. Let my heart cry out for Your presence above all else. Remove anything that has dulled my desire or distracted my focus. Teach me to seek You with my whole heart and to depend on Your Spirit in prayer. Fill me as You have promised, and draw me into deeper intimacy with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

Spend intentional time this week in prayer focused not on requests, but on expressing your desire for God—allowing your heart to genuinely “cry out” for Him.

# CHAPTER ELEVEN

## IN THE DAY OF HIS APPEARING

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

A call to live in readiness and purity in light of Christ's appearing, recognizing that His coming reveals the true condition of every life.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- 2 Timothy 4:8
- Titus 2:11–13
- 1 John 3:2–3
- Matthew 25 (parable of the ten virgins)

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

These Scriptures emphasize that Christ's appearing is both a promise and a revealing moment. 2 Timothy 4:8 speaks of a reward for those who love His appearing, while Titus 2:11–13 connects grace with living righteously as we look for His return. 1 John 3:2–3 shows that the hope of seeing Christ leads to purification. Matthew 25 reinforces readiness through preparation. Together, they teach that anticipation of His coming should produce holiness, faithfulness, and expectancy.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. According to 2 Timothy 4:8, what does it mean to “love His appearing”?
2. How does Titus 2:11–13 connect grace with daily living and expectation?
3. What does 1 John 3:2–3 reveal about the effect of hope on personal purity?
4. In Matthew 25, how is readiness connected to the moment of His appearing?
5. How does the reality of Christ's return influence your daily choices?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why is the concept of Christ's return often overlooked or minimized?

2. How can believers maintain a healthy expectation without fear?
3. What practical changes occur in a life that truly anticipates His appearing?
4. How does hope in Christ's return strengthen perseverance?
5. How can a group encourage one another to live with eternal perspective?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, help me to live with awareness of Your coming. Let my heart love Your appearing and long for Your presence. Purify my life and align my actions with Your truth. Teach me to walk in holiness, faithfulness, and expectation. Let my life reflect readiness and devotion as I wait for You. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

This week, intentionally evaluate one area of your life through the lens of Christ's return and make a change that reflects readiness and purity.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

# BURN UNTIL HE RETURNS

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

A call to remain spiritually fervent and faithful, sustaining devotion and spiritual fire until Christ returns.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Matthew 25 (parable of the ten virgins)
- Matthew 25:13
- Romans 13:11–12

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

The Scriptures emphasize perseverance and continued readiness. Matthew 25 highlights the importance of ongoing preparation, not just initial readiness. Matthew 25:13 calls for watchfulness because the timing is unknown. Romans 13:11–12 reinforces urgency, urging believers to stay awake and walk in light. Together, these passages teach that spiritual life is not momentary but sustained—requiring continual devotion and alertness until Christ’s return.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does Matthew 25:13 reveal about the importance of watchfulness?
2. How does Romans 13:11–12 challenge you to remain spiritually active?
3. What does it mean in your life to “burn” consistently rather than temporarily?
4. How can you guard against spiritual fatigue or complacency?
5. What practices help you remain faithful over time?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why is it often difficult to maintain spiritual intensity over time?
2. How can believers encourage one another to remain steadfast?
3. What are common causes of spiritual burnout, and how can they be addressed?

4. How does watchfulness differ from anxiety about the future?
5. What does long-term faithfulness look like in practical terms?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, help me remain faithful and steadfast in my walk with You. Keep my heart burning with love and devotion. Guard me from complacency and weariness, and strengthen me to endure. Teach me to live watchfully and consistently, always ready for Your return. Let my life reflect a steady fire that honors You. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

Establish one consistent daily habit (such as prayer or Scripture reading) that helps you maintain spiritual focus and commit to practicing it faithfully this week.

# CHAPTER THIRTEEN

## THIS LAST GREAT AWAKENING

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

God promises a widespread outpouring of His Spirit in the last days, calling His people to participate in a global awakening and harvest.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Joel 2:28
- Habakkuk 2:14
- Matthew 24:14

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

These Scriptures reveal God's intention to move powerfully across the earth. Joel 2:28 declares the outpouring of His Spirit on all people, while Habakkuk 2:14 describes the earth being filled with the knowledge of His glory. Matthew 24:14 shows that the gospel will reach all nations before the end comes. Together, they point to a global awakening where God's Spirit moves widely and His truth is proclaimed everywhere.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does Joel 2:28 reveal about who will experience God's outpouring?
2. How does Habakkuk 2:14 shape your understanding of God's ultimate purpose?
3. What does Matthew 24:14 say about the role of the gospel in the last days?
4. How do these Scriptures influence your expectation of God's work today?
5. What part might you play in the spread of the gospel and awakening?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What does a "global awakening" look like based on these Scriptures?
2. How can believers actively participate in what God is doing worldwide?
3. Why is it important to keep Scripture as the foundation when discussing revival?

4. How do these promises affect how we view current events?
5. What responsibilities come with being part of God's plan in this generation?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your promise to pour out Your Spirit. Open my eyes to see what You are doing across the earth. Align my heart with Your purpose and use me as part of Your plan. Help me to faithfully share the gospel and reflect Your glory. Let my life contribute to the fulfillment of Your Word in this generation. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

Take one intentional step this week to share your faith or encourage someone spiritually, participating in the spread of the gospel.

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

# EQUIPPED FOR THE AWAKENING

### CORE BIBLICAL THEME

God equips His people with what is necessary to participate in His work, calling them to readiness, faithfulness, and active engagement in His purpose.

### SCRIPTURE USED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Matthew 25 (parable of the ten virgins)
- Matthew 24:14
- Joel 2:28
- Romans 13:11

### BIBLICAL INSIGHT

These Scriptures show that God not only calls His people but prepares them for His purpose. Matthew 25 emphasizes readiness and preparation. Matthew 24:14 highlights the mission of proclaiming the gospel to all nations. Joel 2:28 points to the empowering of believers through the outpouring of the Spirit. Romans 13:11 reinforces urgency and awareness of the time. Together, they reveal that believers are equipped through God's Spirit and called to actively participate in His work with readiness and purpose.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How does Matthew 25 shape your understanding of being prepared and equipped?
2. What role does the gospel (Matthew 24:14) play in your personal calling?
3. How does Joel 2:28 encourage you regarding God's empowerment?
4. What does Romans 13:11 reveal about the urgency of being equipped now?
5. In what ways do you see God preparing you for His purpose?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to be spiritually "equipped" according to these Scriptures?

2. How can believers recognize the ways God is preparing them?
3. What is the relationship between readiness and action?
4. How can a group support one another in fulfilling God's purpose?
5. What practical steps can help believers stay prepared and engaged?

## PRAYER & SPIRITUAL ACTIVATION

### Prayer

Lord, thank You for equipping me for Your purpose. Help me to recognize and use what You have given me. Fill me with Your Spirit and strengthen me to live with readiness and urgency. Teach me to walk faithfully in what You have called me to do. Let my life reflect Your power and Your truth as I participate in Your work. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Activation Step

Identify one gift, opportunity, or responsibility God has given you and take a deliberate step this week to use it in serving others or advancing His purpose.