



“Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembered not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself.” Lamentations 1:9

When we do not consider our destiny, we are easily sidetracked from it – by sin, by sloth, by distractions, by others! “Everyman that has this hope in him purifies himself even as He is pure.” (1 John 3:3).

When we do not consider our destiny, we too, allow uncleanness to remain in “our skirts.” Here then is a contrast between the five wise virgins and the five foolish virgins. (Matthew 25). The five wise virgins made themselves ready! “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready!” (Revelation 19:7). The five foolish virgins, not considering their destiny, slept! “Awake, you that sleep, and arise from the dead and Christ shall give you light. See then, that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise...” (Ephesians 5:14 – 15).

To continue in sin and to not prepare for our destiny is to ignore and shut ourselves off from the work and ministry of the Comforter. “She had no comforter” The sad result of such poorly conceived choices that that we lose the precious fellowship of the Holy Spirit but we also allow the enemy to be exalted in our lives! “For the enemy has magnified himself.”

“My son, consider the destiny that stretches out before you. Do not allow anything or anyone to side track you from such a glorious and satisfying end!” “...since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus...” (Hebrews 12:1 – 2 NLT).

“Without a vision the people perish.” (Proverbs 29:18).

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