

The group of people referred to as 'virgins'

In a number of instances in the Bible, God uses the term 'virgins' to refer to a certain group of people. Who are the virgins discussed within the pages of the Bible?

The word "*virgin*" found in Matt. 25:1 and Rev. 14:4 bears the Strongs number 3933. The definition given for this word is '*an unmarried daughter*'. This is the same as saying that a virgin is an *undefiled* daughter. One of the dictionary definitions for the word "*virgin*" is 'an unmarried, religious woman, a saint, pure, undefiled, not adulterated...'. Evidently, God refers to people as 'virgins' in the Bible when He refers to those who are spiritually unadulterated by Satan's doctrines and the doctrines of the World. Let us take a close look at two instances in which God refers to a group of people as 'virgins':

"And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; *for they are virgins*. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb" (Rev. 14:3-4).

God here refers to those who make up His 'firstfruits' as 'virgins'! He clearly states that these people are those who are unadulterated by Satan's doctrines. These virgins make up His bride!

Now let us take a look at another section of scripture where the term 'virgin' is used:

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 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 for yourselves. 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. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not" (Matt 25:1-12).

Matt. 25:1 likens the '*Ten Virgins*' to the '*Kingdom of Heaven*'. However, Matt. 25:2-12 indicate that not all 'virgins' will actually make it into the Marriage Supper and into God's Kingdom (see verses 8-12)! Therefore, this would clearly indicate that the 'virgins' spoken of in these verses are discussing ALL of God's people in this end time (who have not turned their backs on Him and taken on the doctrines of this world), irrespective of which group or organization they are in, or even if they do not attend with any organization but keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Christ. These brethren of God have been scattered because of the evil doings of ministers (Jer. 23:1-2; Ezek. 34:1-6). Matt. 25:1-12 also indicate that these 'virgins' will have to go through the Great Tribulation to make it into the Family of God UNLESS they repent and come under the authority of Christ before the Great Tribulation begins (please see verse 6-12 specifically and request our booklet entitled "The Day of the Lord cometh..." for a detailed explanation)!

All 'virgins' must urgently hearken unto the Voice of God (Is. 28:23), come under His authority (Rev. 3:17) and join His Work of warning (Joel 2:1) before it's too late!