

**“Primetime (Concluded):  
‘Twas the Nighttime before Primetime”**

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❖ **Matthew 25:1-13**

- “They all \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “\_\_\_\_\_ the cry rang out: The Bridegroom is coming!”

❖ **What’s the tune behind the tapping of the headlines?**

- **Headline Category #1—\_\_\_\_\_**
  - “Today the news is unrelentingly bad. Layoffs are soaring, home building is plunging, and stocks are falling off a cliff. The whole house of cards seems to be collapsing. . . . Imagine how it must feel to be a Treasury official or central banker today. Unlike the rest of us, who can only watch with horrified fascination as the global economy implodes, you’re actually expected to do something about it. But what? Everything you try, no matter how huge and impressive it sounds at first, fails miserably within days, if not hours. Now you’re huddled with your advisors around a conference table, yelling at your foreign counterparts on the speakerphone. You need a new plan to keep the world \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.” (<http://www.dollarcollapse.com/iNP/view.asp?ID=83>)
- **Headline Category #2—\_\_\_\_\_**
  - Joel Gold, the director of psychiatrics at New York’s Bellevue Hospital Center, describes “the pathological product of our insatiable appetite for \_\_\_\_\_.” (*Newsweek*, August 11, 2008)
- **Headline Category #3—\_\_\_\_\_**
  - Piotr Mazurkiewicz, secretary general of the Brussels-based Bishop’s Conferences of the European Communities, “said the protection of \_\_\_\_\_ ‘is a cornerstone of the European social model and an issue of central importance for workers and their families. . . . [I]t would make sense to complete the current draft by adding a provision on \_\_\_\_\_ as a weekly rest day.’” (<http://www.theparliament.com/latestnews/news-article/newsarticle/bishops-hit-out-over-debate-on-working-time-directive/>)
- “We seem to sit as though we were paralyzed. *God of heaven, wake us up!*” (2SM 52)
- But what’s the point in knowing the tune behind the headlines, if we don’t know the \_\_\_\_\_ behind the tune?

❖ **An appeal to the primetime generation**

- When it is \_\_\_\_\_, then it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Romans 13:11-14—“The \_\_\_\_\_ is nearly over; the \_\_\_\_\_ is almost here.”
  - John 9:4—“\_\_\_\_\_ is coming, when no one can work.”
  - Isaiah 21:11—“Watchman [you who can hear the tune behind the tapping of the headlines], what is left of the \_\_\_\_\_?”
- How much night is left?
- “If placed under the control of His Spirit, the more thoroughly the \_\_\_\_\_ is cultivated, the more effectively it can be used in the service of God. The uneducated man who is consecrated to God and who longs to bless others can be, and is, used by the Lord in His service. But those who, with the same spirit of consecration, have had the benefit of a thorough education, can do a much more extensive work for Christ. They stand on \_\_\_\_\_ ground. The Lord desires us to obtain all the education possible, with the object in view of imparting our knowledge to others. . . . Our minds should be so trained that if necessary we can present the truths of His word before the highest earthly authorities in such a way as to glorify His name. We should \_\_\_\_\_ even one opportunity of qualifying ourselves intellectually to work for God.” (*Christ’s Object Lessons* 333, 334)

**“O come, O come, Immanuel”**

Fell asleep, At midnight, Economy, from ending, Humanity, self-exposure, Prophecy, Sunday, Sunday, One, nighttime, primetime, night, day, Night, night, intellect, vantage, not let slip