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The olive tree

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The olive tree

[Romans 11](#)

24 For if you were cut from a wild olive tree, and contrary to nature were grafted into one that is cultivated, how much more readily will these, the natural branches,

be grafted into their own olive tree!

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In the parable of the olive tree, Paul speaks of the olive tree that bears us. It is not we who carry the olive tree, we are not the roots, but only branches.

17 Now if some branches have been broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others to share in the nourishment of the olive root, 18 do not boast over those branches. If you do, remember this: You do not support the root, but

the root supports you.

Everyone may feel like he is being addressed, but I would like to point out something else: a believer must have been grafted into the olive tree, otherwise he is not a believer. He must be spiritually born again:

[Born again](#)

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[John 1](#)

9 The true Light who gives light to every man was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of blood, nor of the desire or will of man, but born of God.

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Now if a believer is spiritually born again, he is grafted into the olive tree. The tree carries him. This is an important indication that the believer no longer draws power from the world, but from God.

To the parable of the ten virgins

(Now we understand this parable much better)

[Matthew 25](#)

1" At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take along any extra oil. 4 But the wise ones took oil in flasks along with their lamps. 5 When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' 7 Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 9 'No,' said the wise ones, 'or there may not be

enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'
10 But while they were on their way to buy it, the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other virgins arrived and said, 'Lord, lord, open the door for us!' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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Let us consider the above in relation to the Old Testament:

Exodus 22

16 If a man seduces a virgin who is not pledged in marriage and sleeps with her, he must pay the full dowry for her to be his wife. 17 If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, the man still must pay an amount comparable to the bridal price of a virgin.

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Meaning: Whoever seduced a virgin and slept with her should take her as his wife or pay the bride price. Now in the context of the Bible:

Commentary and explanation as a whole: Man cannot buy the kingdom of heaven, he cannot be saved through membership in a religion, he "cannot pay the bride price". It is impossible, because only the bridegroom can pay the bride price and that is Jesus Christ through his blood on the cross

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The Bible designates people who believe that they can "buy" the kingdom of heaven by paying church taxes and through membership or religion as foolish virgins. They are not grafted into the olive tree and have no oil in the lights. The five wise virgins know that the kingdom of heaven is not for sale, but the gift of forgiveness of sins and spiritual rebirth is God's grace. The seeker must claim this grace and believe.

Finally, "the virgin" was deceived in Exodus 22, as quoted above. **One could also note that a real marriage does not come about through seduction, but from real love.** Seductions are always temporal; **a real love marriage should last forever.** You don't just give up a marriage because of money problems or other difficulties in life, then it's not a marriage, but just a community of convenience in which people pursue their own interests. Such is not a marriage.

For those who have marital problems: convert (both) and live by faith and as discussed in parts 1-4: gradually remove the idols.

Let us come to **another aspect of faith, that is unbelief:** If people now live in unbelief, this is an indication that they live in sin. Anyone who has sin has no faith; this proves man's sinfulness and also that man needs the forgiveness of sins.

So if man does not believe, he must believe that God created man, but that sin lies over man like a thick fog, that he can no longer see God. So, whoever does not believe must believe, that is now a contradiction in terms, but it is true: because whoever believes, although he does not believe, then man overcomes the unbelief that has come from sin and then he finds to believe.

[John 5](#)

24 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment. Indeed, he has crossed over from death to life. 25 Truly, truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so also He has granted the Son to have life in Himself. 27 And He has given Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

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