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## 'IT'S JUST PAST MIDNIGHT' parable - Part 8

### FOOD TO GIVE AWAY - Luke 11:5

*Which of you shall have a friend and shall go to him **at midnight** and ask him for three loaves of bread because another friend has come and is hungry and I don't have food for him.*

The first friend starts to move in the flesh, says, 'No! I'm in bed and I was asleep'. This friend knowing better than to move in the flesh, hastily recovers and gives to his friend whatever he needs.

This is the midnight hour in which we live. It is imperative that we have sufficient for ourselves and also for others who are hungry for more than just initial salvation. *To have an answer to give to anyone who would ask you concerning the hope that is in you.*

In one aspect of this parable, if you haven't got **the word of life** for this hour, then you had better know someone who has and go and obtain some from him. The emphasis here, I believe, is on the friend who was at rest and who had an abundance of fresh bread. How is your bread of life supply? I trust it is not the manna from last week! Yesterday's bread becomes today's fertilizer (dung)!

The second friend caught by a surprise visit from his traveling friend, is embarrassed at having nothing to share that will sustain life — no hidden manna, no 'present truth' bread. The first friend we mentioned is not aware of his friend's lack. The friend discovering his lack at that moment, must swallow his pride and seek help. First friend doesn't want to help at such a time for he was sleeping. Second friend was used of God to wake up his friend to the fact that he had a need. Was the first friend a little self-centred or just with small faith?

At midnight you will need to overcome those quick fleshly reactions, rise up and pour out to meet needs. It is so easy not to get involved with another's need — yet we should find ourselves reacting positively when we hear of a hungry person.

**Three loaves** are needed, not two or even one! **The 'Passover loaf'** that brings salvation and the mind of Christ to the Blood-washed believer; **the 'Pentecost loaf'** that begins the release of the mind of Christ and a supernatural walk and **the 'Tabernacles loaf'** that brings the fullness of Christ into reality. . . those three loaves will meet every need. **Midnight** is the time for pouring out from what you have, so make sure your supply has not run out and, remember, it is important to stay friendly with those who have bread! Midnight is also the time when certain people are hungry as they come to realize that they are on a journey into the fullness of God and need fresh sustenance as they progress.