



THE RAPTURE! IT IS REAL, ARE YOU READY?

THE RAPTURE! Being One of the Faithful and the Wise Part 5!

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Matt. 25:1-13 - "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. ¹¹ "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' ¹² But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Spiritual maturity

From being a sinner to saved, to servant, to son...

From sinner to saved is becoming a child of God: **Matt 18:3-4 (TEV) - "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. ⁴ The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child.**

Don't get being a child of God and being a son or daughter of God confused.

The best way to transform from a child to a son or daughter is to stay humble and hungry.

One of our major responsibilities, is being a living example of Christ and witnessing the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Our life here on earth is simply the training ground, the proving ground, and the testing ground, developing us for that next level of existence in the Millennial Kingdom!

God will use every situation and circumstance in your life to train, mold, and develop us into what He has called us to be.

Part of our development is to discover our individual purpose. **Prov. 25:2 - It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them.**

The Parable of the Ten Virgins-

In this parable, Jesus is giving an example of who He will take with Him in the rapture and why.

Matt. 25:1 - Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened.

The Kingdom of Heaven here is not the same as the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is all-encompassing, everything God has created of the seen and the unseen realms.

God has never given up total ownership of anything He has created. **1 Cor. 10:26 - For the [whole] earth is the Lord's and everything that is in it.**

If God ever gives up ownership of anything He creates, He gives up the right to tell it what to do.

Satan is really just a pawn used by God to further our development.

Rev. 20:7-10 - Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

God releases satan to see how many have matured enough to resist the temptation and deceitfulness of satan.

The Bible doesn't say how long satan will have to try to tempt and deceive the people of this age, it only says for a short time (**Rev. 20:3**).

Even though God doesn't allow His creation ownership, God will allow His created beings to govern His creation. **Ps. 115:16 - The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth has He given to the children of men.**

In our text, The Kingdom of Heaven is talking about the Kingdom that Jesus will usher in upon His second coming.

The Kingdom of Heaven is the Kingdom Jesus is talking about in **Luke 19:12 - Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.**

When He comes back in the Millennial Reign, He will set up a Kingdom, a governmental system that will take place of all the governmental systems of this world.

This is found in Daniel chapter 2. *Last week I said chapter 9 of Daniel I miss quoted and I ask for your forgiveness.*

What is a Kingdom?

Dr. Myles Munroe defines a 'Kingdom' as “an actual country/territory ruled by a King who influences impacts the domain of his Kingdom personally with his values, morality, and his entire principles and laws until the people begin to reflect his lifestyle.”

Kingdom - the King and His Domain. The domain is a geographic area owned or controlled by a single person or organization which reflects who they are and their wishes.

Probably a better translation of the phrase the Kingdom of Heaven would be the Kingdom from Heaven. The Greek word for “of “ can be translated “from” as well.

As you read your bible where you see the Kingdom of Heaven replace it with the Kingdom from Heaven and you will probably get more clarity in what the passage is saying.

Jesus told us to pray in **Matt. 6:10 - Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

He was telling us to pray for the Spiritual Kingdom that is in the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts.

Rom. 14:17 - ...for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

All born-again believers have received the spiritual essence of the Kingdom of God because they received the Holy Spirit.

But we are to also pray for the physical rule and reign of Jesus to come in the thousand-year reign.

Our job is to witness what Jesus will bring!

Jesus' second coming to establish the Kingdom from Heaven will be the only time since the Garden of Eden that the total will of God will be done through the whole earth.

At Jesus' second coming, He will usher in a governmental system here on the earth that mirrors what is established in Heaven.

At His second coming, Jesus will come as King, along with His governing party, “the overcoming, faithful, born-again believers” along with angels to rule and reign over the earth. **Isa. 2**

As we said we must pay attention because everything in the parable is mentioned for a reason!