



THE RAPTURE! IT IS REAL, ARE YOU READY?

THE RAPTURE! Being One of the Faithful and the Wise Part 4!

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Series

“The Rapture and Beyond”.

JLAL Theme

“Living with an Eternal Perspective”!

Matt. 6:33 - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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.

The Rapture will be a sudden removal of God's people from the earth.

1 Cor. 15: 52 - in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

The Rapture can happen at any moment!

*The rapture is an 'imminent event' where no one knows when it will occur! It will be a quick takeaway. **Matt. 24:42 - Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.***

Once we are Raptured, we stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ.

Rom. 14:10 -... For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Every person who ever lived will stand before Christ to be Judged.

There are at least three judgements, two for the saved and one for the unsaved.

These judgements don't have to be a time in which we dread, for if we have been born again and lived the life of an overcomer. This can be a time of great anticipation.

The saved will be Judged on works, not eternal security.

Eph. 2:8-10 - ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

We are saved to do good works, but we are not saved by good works. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

The real reason for our salvation is to become a member of the family of God and to inherit, rule, and reign with Jesus in the Millennial Kingdom from God and beyond.

Being a living example of Christ and witnessing the Gospel of the Kingdom is another important responsibility.

Our calling is to have positions of authority alongside Christ in the coming Millennial Kingdom and Beyond!

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.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins-

Most Parables are written to bring understanding to the conversation that Jesus is having to His audience.

We must pay attention to everything mentioned in the parable; it is mentioned for a reason!

Matt. 25:1 - Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened. *In this parable, Jesus is giving an example of who He will take with Him in the rapture and why.*

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.

*In our text, The Kingdom of Heaven is talking about the kingdom that Jesus will usher in upon His second coming. **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 the place of all the governmental systems of this world.

What is a Kingdom?

Dr. Myles Munroe defines a 'Kingdom' as “an actual country/territory ruled by a King who influences and 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.”

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