



THE RAPTURE! Being One of the Faithful and the Wise Part 6!

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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.

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One of God's objectives is to rule through relationship!

God knows the only ones He can only trust the proper rule of His kingdom to is His family.

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

Rom. 8:28-29 - And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son,

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

We must allow this good to happen by walking in line with the Word of God. (1 John 5:2)

The Parable of the Ten Virgins-

In this parable, Jesus is giving an example of who will qualify for the rapture to rule in His kingdom 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.

In our text, The Kingdom of Heaven is talking about the kingdom that Jesus will usher in upon His second coming. (Luke 19:12)

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.

A new lifestyle, a whole other way of living!

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.

All born-again believers received the spiritual essence of the Kingdom of God when they received the Holy Spirit. **Rom. 14:17 - ...for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

The wisdom, power and lifestyle of the Kingdom of God is available to us now because we have the Holy Spirit.

Once we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we can better witness; put on display the physical characteristics of the kingdom.

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

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

This governmental system of God will be loving, caring and compassionate but it will also be a government that has principles and laws that will be enforced. (Zech. 14 chapter)

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. Chapter 2**)

Matt. 25:1-2 - ...ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

The number 10 in the bible can mean “the measure of human responsibility”.

These 10 virgins were supposed to be living up to their responsibility of being prepared for the bridegroom's arrival.

Virgin (Strong's #3933) means “an unmarried woman.” A pure woman/church- this is the type of Church Jesus is coming to take back with Him. **Eph. 5:25-28 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,**

Jesus offers all believers the process of sanctification.

²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

How do we get into thing glorious state? **1 John 3:3 - And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.** Going through the process of sanctification.

The word cleanses us as we apply it in love by faith to our lives.

Rev. 2:26 - And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations —

Jesus started off with a rag-tag bunch, but over the course of three years, they matured from being sinners to being mature sons. **Luke 22:28-30 - "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹ And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."**

They qualified for the position to set over the twelve tribes of Israel.

1 Cor. 6:2-3 - Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? We will judge the matters of this world and its inhabitants.

But angles also? **³ Do you not know that we shall judge angels?**

He is coming back for wise people. The word ‘Wise’ (Strong's 5429, phromiros) means “single-minded” (i.e., one life is being for God) and thus, this believer is full of light and illuminated.

The word “wise” is from the root word phren, which means “to rein in or curb the emotions.”