

Part 25 The Presence of The Future – Summary – Our Priorities

1. What is the central message of the gospel of Jesus Christ and how does the future apocalyptic kingdom of God, relate to the kingdom of God having come in the present?

2. What are the implications of ignoring the words of Our Lord when He declared that “the kingdom of God as having come”?

3. When Jesus Christ revealed the truth of the present kingdom of God as depicted mainly in the parables, parables which He referred to as the “mysteries of the kingdom”. What were their significance in their context?

4. Lastly; What **do we need to do** from a practical stand point in our lives, to ensure our entrance into the coming earthly kingdom of God as promised by Our Lord and the Apostles and the Prophets of old?

Quote “This is your life and it’s ending one minute at a time”.

Matthew 18:1-7

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, 3 and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

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8 "If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to ENTER LIFE crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be cast into the eternal fire. 9 If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to ENTER LIFE with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into the fiery hell.

SOWER AND THE SOILS:

Main truth; different response to the same word of the kingdom, depending on the varying soil. It's not the Sower that is the variable it's the type of soil.

THE WEDDING FEAST:

Luke 12:35-59

35 " Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit. 36 Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master WILL FIND on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. 38 Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and FINDS THEM so, blessed are those slaves.

THE GOOD WHEAT AND THE TARES:

Matthew 7:15-23

15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered

from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 So then, you will know them by their fruits.

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

Luke 12:54-56

54 And He was also saying to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it turns out. 55 And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a hot day,' and it turns out that way. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this PRESENT time?"

Matthew 25:10-13

10 And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who WERE READY went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.