

**Part 26 The Presence of The Future – Summary – Our Priorities continued.**

Questions being answered:

**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?**

*Yesterday is history.*

*Tomorrow is a mystery.*

*Today is a gift.*

*That's why it's called the present.*

**Zephaniah 1:14-18**

14 Near is the great day of the Lord,  
Near and coming very quickly;  
Listen, the day of the Lord!  
In it the warrior cries out bitterly.

15 A day of wrath is that day,  
A day of trouble and distress,  
A day of destruction and desolation,  
A day of darkness and gloom,  
A day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 A day of trumpet and battle cry  
Against the fortified cities  
And the high corner towers.

17 I will bring distress on men

So that they will walk like the blind,  
Because they have sinned against the Lord;  
And their blood will be poured out like dust  
And their flesh like dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold  
Will be able to deliver them  
On the day of the Lord's wrath;  
And all the earth will be devoured  
In the fire of His jealousy,  
For He will make a complete end,  
Indeed a terrifying one,  
Of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Quote: "Muddy water is best cleared by leaving it alone."*

### **Luke 18:15-17**

15 And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they began rebuking them. 16 But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 17 Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all."

**James 4:6-8.** But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

### **Matthew 13:17**

17 For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

### **Luke 2:41-52**

41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; 43 and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, 44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. 46 Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. 48 When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." 49 And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. 51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

### **Matthew 13:53-58**

53 When Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there. 54 He came to His hometown and began teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" 57 And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household." 58 And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

## **The Mystery - Mustard seed;**

### **Matthew 13:31-32**

31 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; 32 and this is smaller than all other seeds, BUT when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

### **Philippians 2:7-10**

7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

## **The Mystery - The Leaven;**

### **Matthew 13:33-35**

33 He spoke another parable to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."