

9-1-2019 Weekly Messages

Meditation of the week: Psalms 45: 1-17

Text: Matthew 25: 1-13

Word title: **The parable of the ten virgins and our hope in the Millennium Kingdom of Christ**

Apostle Paul commanded the pastor Timothy to teach the flock dividing the word of truth rightl:

" Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15).

We shall be shameful servants of God, unless we divide the words in the book of Matthew. There are four books in the Gospels. However, unlike other books of Gospels, Matthew's Gospel is about Jesus Christ, the King of the Jews.

In Matthew first chapter, the genealogy of the Jewish king is presented. In chapter two, the prophesied king, Jesus is finally born, and in chapter three, John the Baptist who prepares the way for the king appears. In chapter four, after the King Jesus passed the test to begin his ministry, he preached the gospel of the Kingdom and proclaimed, **"Repent, The Kingdom of heaven is at hand."** The last part of chapter four calls for the disciples to establish the kingdom, and in chapters five to seven the statute of the kingdom is established. That is, sermons on the mount preached, and in chapter ten the king commissioned his disciples to preach to all Israel. In chapters eleven and twelve, the king was rejected by his people, and in chapter thirteen the kingdom was concealed in a mysterious state, suggesting the coming church age. At the end of chapter sixteen he refers to the "coming of the Son of man to his kingdom," the king's return. In chapter seventeen the glorious return of Christ

Jesus is presented through the Mount of Transfiguration, and chapter twenty four speaks of the great tribulation that will be on the earth, and chapter twenty finally describes the second coming of Jesus Christ after the time of the great tribulation. The rapture in the New Testament that occurs before the Great Tribulation is witnessing through the Apostles after the Holy Spirit come

At the beginning of the parable of the ten virgins, by saying, "**Kingdom** of heaven," this is not the rapture, but about seven years after the rapture of the New Testament saints, the Lord Jesus Christ is Second Coming to establish the Millennium Kingdom that is the Kingdom of heaven. This kingdom of heaven was to be established in the land of Israel two thousand years ago, but was postponed to two thousand years later by his people rejecting and killing the King Jesus. Jesus had spoken beforehand about the seizure by force of his Kingdom:

" And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12).

The bridegroom in this text is not the bridegroom of the ten virgins, but the bridegroom Jesus who is married to the bride of the church that was raptured and comes to rule over in his kingdom. Apostle Paul testified that Jesus' bride is not ten virgins but one pure virgin:

" For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." (2 Corinthians 11: 2).

That's right! This is the scene where bridesmaids meet when the king Jesus, who was been married to the bride, the church of God and who comes down for the honeymoon with

the bride. Of these bridesmaids, the five virgins were oily Saints who came to believe in Jesus during the Great Tribulation. they are the remnant of Israel saved in the Great Tribulation. Apostle John testified of them:

" Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." (Revelation 14:12).

Apostle John testified of the marriage of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God in heaven, before the return of the King, Jesus Christ:

" Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." (Revelation 19: 7).

Apostle Paul testified of the mysterious truth that the bride who marries to Christ is not the Jew, but the church of God:

" For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Ephesians 5: 31-32.

As the psalmist witnessed of the Lamb's wedding scene, he testified of the king's bride and the different kinds of people invited to the wedding:

" Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir... She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee."

15With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace." (Psalm 45: 9,14,15)

Most Jews will enter the Great Tribulation for they are still not believing in Jesus Christ. Among them, only those who have heard the gospel of the kingdom during the Great Tribulation shall be delivered to be saved when they believe in Jesus and keep the commandments and overcome great suffering. They shall be able to enter the millennial kingdom meeting with the Second Coming Lord Jesus Christ.

Once again we can confirm that this scene is not a rapture of the children of God, but the earthly return of the Lord Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of Lords: "**Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.**" Matthew 25:13), we can once again confirm that Jesus is the Son of man reigning on the earth.

That's right! The ten virgin's parable is a tremendous blessing for Christians born of the Holy Spirit. It is the day when we wait for the bridegroom in suffering and are finally welcomed by the Jewish remnant. It will be a thrilling day to begin a honeymoon for a thousand years with the blessing of ruling with the Lord on the earth where they have suffered with the Lord after judging all nations and even angels with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. .

The Holy Spirit still speaks to us:

" Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." (Psalm 27:14)

Amen! Hallelujah!