

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PART 12

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Matthew 24:15-28 (NKJV)

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 **For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

22 **And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.**

23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.

24 For **false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.**

25 See, I have told you beforehand.

26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.

27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

Matthew 24:29-31 (NKJV)

29 **"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and **they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

31 **And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

Matthew 24:32-35 (NKJV)

32 **"Now learn this parable from the fig tree:** When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

33 So you also, **when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!**

34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. **(BE ALERT! GET READY!)**

Some church groups say that the fig tree represents Israel "springing back to life" in 1948. It does not. Typically God presents Israel as a vine and sometimes an olive tree. Compare the next few verses.

Luke 21:29-31 (NKJV)

29 Then He spoke to them a parable: **"Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.** **(Nothing to do with the fig tree representing Israel and 1948).**

30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.

31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

Matthew 24:36-44 (NKJV)

36 **"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. (PAY ATTENTION!!)**

37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (Life continued more or less as normal in Noah's day ... then suddenly ... dramatically ... the flood waters came and washed them all away. Possibly 1 billion people. We are told to NOT BE LIKE THAT!!)

40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

42 **Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. (Jesus is speaking privately to Simon, Andrew, James and John)**

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

44 **Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**

Matthew 24:45-51 (NKJV)

45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?"

46 **Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.**

47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' (Do any of us in any of the Churches of God ... think this?)

49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,

50 **the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,** (BE READY!)

51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping (sorrow, regret) and gnashing of teeth. (anger)

Matthew 25:1-12 (NKJV)

1 **"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!' (Jesus return. Will you be ready if I return at an inconvenient time?)

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. (THEY WERE READY!!)**

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. (That's the purpose of the parable)**

Matthew 25:14-30 (NKJV)

14 **"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.**

15 And to one he gave five **talents**, to another two, and to another one, **to each according to his own ability**; and immediately he went on a journey.

16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

19 **After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. (Judgement)**

20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

21 His lord said to him, **'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'**

22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. (An inaccurate perception. You knew ... did you? [implied])

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.'

30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. (Lake of Fire) There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Matthew 25:31-46 (NKJV)

31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. (Jesus has returned by this time)

32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

37 "Then the righteous (the sheep) will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' (God wants us to be looking out ... generous and thoughtful to others ... how do we treat the brethren ... and care for others)

41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: (the goats)

42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Compare:

James 2:14-17 (NKJV)

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,
16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Matthew 26:1-5 (NKJV)

1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples,

2 "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.

5 But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

Matthew 26:6-13 (NKJV)

6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

8 But when His disciples saw it, (probably Judas Iscariot as the ring leader) they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?"

9 For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor."

10 But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me.

11 For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always.

12 For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.

13 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her." Compare:

John 12:1-8 (NKJV)

1 Then, **six days before the Passover**, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

5 **"Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"**

6 **This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.**

7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.

8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

This reads similar to Matthew's account ... but probably not the same event!!

Matthew 26:14-16 (NKJV)

14 **Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests**

15 **and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?"** And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

Matthew 26:17-25 (NKJV)

17 Now on the first day of the (Feast of the) Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; **I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.**" ' "

19 **So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.**

20 When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve.

21 Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" (Lord ... surely it's not me?)

23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.

24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but **woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!** It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

25 **Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."**

(John 13:27 (NKJV) Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly.")

Matthew 26:26-30 (NKJV)

26 And as they were eating, (Judas had gone by now) **Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."**

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

28 **For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:31-35 (NKJV)

31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written:

'I will strike the Shepherd,

And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

32 But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

33 Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

34 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.

Matthew 26:36-46 (NKJV)

36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there."

37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, *"O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." (THIS IS NOT THE PRAYER OF FAITH --- IT IS A PRAYER OF DEDICATION)

40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, ***Your will be done.**"

43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? **Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.**

46 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

***1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)**

14 **Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.**

15 **And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.**

Matthew 26:47-56 (NKJV)

47 And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 **Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him."**

49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?"

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

51 And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

52 But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? (Jesus went voluntarily)

54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

55 In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me.

56 But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.