



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NOT LIKE BURGER KING; YOU CAN'T HAVE IT YOUR WAY!

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A study of the kingdom of heaven, what it takes to get there, and a proclamation that you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven on your own terms.

THE PARABLES OF WHAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE [WITH INTERPRETATION]

MATTHEW 13:24-30 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Another parable He [YESHUA (JESUS)] put forth to them, saying: **“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE a man [YESHUA (JESUS)] who sowed [TAUGHT] good seed [SAINTS] in his field [THE WORLD]; but while men [HIS SAINTS] slept, his [YESHUA’S (JESUS’)] enemy [SATAN] came and sowed [TAUGHT] tares [THE WICKED] among the wheat [THE SAINTS] and went his way. But when the grain [CHILDREN OF FAITH] had sprouted [GREW WISE] and produced a crop [THE RIGHTEOUS], then the tares [THE WICKED] also appeared. So the [ANGELIC] servants of the owner [YESHUA (JESUS)] came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow [TEACH] good seed [SAINTS] in your field [THE WORLD]? How then does it have tares [WICKED PEOPLE]?’**

He [YESHUA (JESUS)] said to them, **‘An enemy [SATAN] has done this.’** The [ANGELIC] servants said to him [YESHUA (JESUS)], **‘Do you want us then to go and gather them [THE WICKED] up?’** But he [YESHUA (JESUS)] said, **‘No, lest while you gather up the tares [THE WICKED] you also uproot the wheat [THE RIGHTEOUS] with them. Let both [THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED] grow [COEXIST] together until the harvest [RAPTURE], and at the time of harvest [RAPTURE] I [YESHUA (JESUS)] will say to the [ANGELS], ‘First gather together the tares [THE WICKED] and bind them [ON EARTH] in bundles [MULTITUDES] to burn them [IN JUDGMENT], but gather [RAPTURE] the wheat [THE RIGHTEOUS] into my barn [MY HOLY MOUNTAIN: MOUNT ZION, AND THEN TO THE CLOUDS – (ISAIAH 18:7; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17; REVELATION 14:1) AT THE RAPTURE.’”**

MATTHEW 13:31-32 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: **“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE a mustard seed [MESSIANIC BELIEVERS, A LITTLE FLOCK – LUKE 12:32], which a man [YESHUA (JESUS)] took and sowed in his field [THE WORLD], which indeed is the least of all the seeds [THE WORLD’S SMALLEST FAITH]; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs [THE WORLD’S OTHER FAITHS] and becomes a tree [WILL SHINE AS STARS IN HIS KINGDOM – DANIEL 12:3; MATTHEW 13:43], so that the birds of the air [PEOPLE OF THE WORLD – JEREMIAH 16:19; ZECHARIAH 8:20-23] come and nest in its branches.”**

MATTHEW 13:33 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

Another parable He spoke to them: **“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE leaven [A LITTLE FLOCK – THE FIRSTFRUITS], which a woman [GOD] took [RAPTURED / RESURRECTED] and hid [AT HIS HOLY MOUNTAIN AND THEN AFTER THE CLOUDS – ISAIAH 18:7; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17; REVELATION 14:1] in three measures [THREE MAIN RAPTURES: 144,000 ISRAELI MESSIANIC JEWS – (REVELATION 14:1-5), AMERICAN RAPTURE – (ISAIAH 18), WORLD RAPTURE – (1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-53; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17)] of meal [PEOPLES] till it was [THEY WERE] all leavened [GLORIFIED IN THEIR FULLNESS IN THE MILLENNIUM KINGDOM].”**

MATTHEW 13:37-43 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

He [YESHUA (JESUS)] answered and said to them: **“He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man [YESHUA (JESUS)]. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the [RAPTURES AT THE] end of the age, and the reapers are the [RAPTURING] angels. Therefore as the tares [THE WICKED] are gathered and burned in the fire [OF JUDGMENT], so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man [YESHUA (JESUS)] will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all [WICKED] things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire [IN JUDGMENT]. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”**

MATTHEW 13:44 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure [WISDOM] hidden in a field [THE WORLD], which a man found and hid; and for joy over it [THE UNCOMMON WISDOM HE HAD FOUND] he goes and sells [GIVES UP] all that he has [PRACTICED] and buys [SEARCHES] that [AREA IN THE] field [FOR MORE WISDOM].”

MATTHEW 13:45-46 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant [BELIEVER] seeking beautiful pearls [OF WISDOM], who, when he had found one pearl [OF WISDOM] of great price [VALUE], went and sold [GAVE UP] all that he had [PRACTICED] and bought [PURSUED] it [RIGHTEOUSNESS].”

MATTHEW 13:47-50 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea [OF NATIONS] and gathered some of every kind [OF PEOPLE], which, when it was full, they [THE ANGELS] drew to shore; and they [THE ANGELS] sat down and gathered the good [RIGHTEOUS] into vessels, but threw the bad [WICKED] away. So it will be at the end of the age. The [RAPTURING] angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them [THE WICKED] into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

MATTHEW 13:52 (NKJV):

Then He [YESHUA (JESUS)] said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”

MATTHEW 18:23-35 (NKJV):

“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.” [MATTHEW 6:12, 18:21-22; MARK 11:25; LUKE 6:37, 11:4, 17:3-4].

MATTHEW 20:1-16 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“For THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’

So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first, and the first last [MATTHEW 19:30; MARK 9:35, 10:31; LUKE 13:30; REVELATION 2:19]. For many [PEOPLE OF THE WORLD] are called [TO THE WEDDING FEAST IN THE MILLENNIUM KINGDOM], but few chosen [RAPTURED TO IT].”

MATTHEW 22:1-14 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

And Yeshua (Jesus) answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: **“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE a certain king [GOD THE FATHER] who arranged a marriage [AT THE MILLENNIUM KINGDOM] for his son [YESHUA (JESUS)], and sent out his servants [THE SAINTS] to call those [PEOPLE OF THE WORLD] who were [ALL] invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to [REPENT AND] come. Again, he [GOD THE FATHER] sent out other servants [END TIME SAINTS], saying, ‘Tell those [PEOPLE OF THE WORLD] who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready [THE TIME IS SHORT – 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31]. Come to the wedding.’”** But they made light of it and went their [WORLDLY] ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. the rest [OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD] seized his [GOD’S] servants [THE SAINTS], treated them spitefully [HATED AND REVILED THEM], and killed them [BEHEADED THEM DURING THE REIGN OF THE ANTIMESSIAH (ANTICHRIST) – REVELATION 12:11, 20:4].

But when the king [YESHUA (JESUS)] heard about it, he was furious. And he [YESHUA (JESUS)] sent out his armies [RETURNED TO EARTH WITH HIS RAPTURED AND RESURRECTED SAINTS – JUDE 1:14], destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city [OVERCAME THEM, FOR HE IS KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS – REVELATION 17:14, 20:9]. Then he [YESHUA (JESUS)] said to his servants [THE SAINTS], ‘The wedding [KINGDOM] is ready, but those who were invited [SHOWED UP] were not worthy [MATTHEW 7:21-23; LUKE 13:23-30]. Therefore go into the highways [THE WORLD], and as many as you find [WHO ARE WILLING TO REPENT – JEREMIAH 16:19; ZECHARIAH 8:20-23], invite to the wedding [KINGDOM].’ So those servants [THE REDEEMED SAINTS] went out into the highways [THE WORLD, OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM – JEREMIAH 16:9; ZECHARIAH 8:20-23] and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good [WHO SAID THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT YESHUA (JESUS) AS LORD AND SAVIOR, REPENT, AND LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY]. And the wedding [KINGDOM] hall was filled with guests.

But when the king [YESHUA (JESUS)] came in to see the guests, he saw a [UNREPENTANT WICKED] man there who did not have on a wedding garment [OF RIGHTEOUSNESS TO COVER HIS SINS – HE DID NOT ACCEPT YESHUA (JESUS) AS HIS SAVIOR AND THEREFORE HIS SINS WERE NOT COVERED BY THE BLOOD OF YESHUA (JESUS)]. So he [YESHUA (JESUS)] said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding [KINGDOM] garment [WITHOUT YOUR SINS COVERED]?’ And he was speechless. Then the king [YESHUA (JESUS)] said to the servants [THE REDEEMED SAINTS], ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

For many [PEOPLE OF THE WORLD] are called [TO THE WEDDING FEAST IN THE MILLENNIUM KINGDOM], but few are chosen [RAPTURED TO IT].”

MATTHEW 25:14-19 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“For THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE a man [YESHUA (JESUS)] traveling [FROM EARTH] to a far country [HEAVEN], who called his own servants [THE SAINTS] and delivered his goods [THE GOSPEL] to them. And to one [SAINT] he gave five talents [SKILLS], to another two [SKILLS], and to another one [SKILL], TO EACH ACCORDING TO HIS OWN ABILITY; and immediately he [YESHUA (JESUS)] went on a journey [TO HEAVEN]. Then he who had received the five talents [SKILLS] went and traded with them, and made another five talents [GOOD SERVANTS]. And likewise he who had received two gained two more [GOOD SERVANTS] also. But he who had received one [SKILL] went and dug in the ground [DID NOT SHARE THE GOSPEL], and hid his lord’s [YESHUA’S (JESUS’S)] money [GOSPEL]. After a long time [2,000-YEARS] the lord [YESHUA (JESUS)] of those servants [THE SAINTS] came [RETURNED] and settled accounts [REWARDS] with them” [MATTHEW 16:27; REVELATION 22:12].

MATTHEW 25:20-30 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“So he who had received five talents [SKILLS] came and brought five other talents [GOOD SERVANTS], saying, ‘Lord [YESHUA (JESUS)], you delivered to me five talents [SKILLS]; look, I have gained five more talents [GOOD SERVANTS] besides them.’ His lord [YESHUA (JESUS)] said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant [SAINT]; you were faithful over a few things [THAT I EQUIPPED YOU FOR], I will make you ruler [PRIEST – REVELATION 20:6] over many things [IN MY MILLENNIUM KINGDOM]. Enter into the joy of your lord [YESHUA (JESUS)].’

He also who had received two talents [SKILLS] came and said, ‘Lord [YESHUA (JESUS)], you delivered to me two talents [SKILLS]; look, I have gained two more talents [GOOD SERVANTS] besides them.’ His lord [YESHUA (JESUS)] said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant [SAINT]; you have been faithful over a few things [THAT I EQUIPPED YOU FOR], I will make you ruler [PRIEST – REVELATION 20:6] over many things [IN MY KINGDOM]. Enter into the joy of your lord [YESHUA (JESUS)].’

Then he who had received the one talent [SKILL] came and said, ‘Lord, [YESHUA (JESUS)] I knew you to be a hard [JUDGMENTAL] man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent [GOSPEL] in the ground [KEPT IT TO MYSELF]. Look, there you have what is yours.’

“But his lord [YESHUA (JESUS)] answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap [PROFIT] where I have not sown [INVESTED], and gather [SAINTS] where I have not scattered seed [TAUGHT SAINTS]. So you ought to have [AT LEAST] deposited [SHARED] my money [GOSPEL MESSAGE] with the bankers [SOME OF THE PEOPLE YOU KNEW], and at my coming [RETURN] I would have received back my own [GOSPEL MESSAGE] with interest [MINIMAL GAIN]. So take the talent [AUTHORITY, PRIVILEGE] from him, and give it to him [AS A REWARD] who has ten talents [MATTHEW 16:27; 1 CORINTHIANS 3:8, 9:18; COLOSSIANS 3:24; REVELATION 11:18, 22:12].

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. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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MATTHEW 7:21-23 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but He who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we [LAW-HAS-BEEN-DONE-AWAY-WITH CHRISTIANS] not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them [LAWLESS CHRISTIANS] ‘I never knew you [LAWLESS, PAGAN-BASED CHRISTIANS]; depart from Me, you [CHRISTIANS] who practice lawlessness.”

The Matthew 7:21-23 verses address the modern day lawless minded Christians. Yeshua (Jesus) is not talking about Jews in these passages. Judaic Jews do not prophecy in Yeshua’s (Jesus’) name, cast out demons in His name, nor do they do wonders in His name. Many mainstream Christians do these things in His name. Yet Christians are not turned away from the kingdom for doing things in His name; they are turned away from the kingdom for doing things their way, teaching that God’s laws have been abolished, and are practicing lawlessness by sinning freely. Thus lawless Christians are not doing the will (obeying the commandments) of the Father in heaven, nor are they walking as Yeshua (Jesus) walked.

JOHN 14:15 (NKJV):

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

1 JOHN 2:3-6 (NKJV):

Now by this we know that we know Him [YESHUA (JESUS)], if we keep His commandments. He who says, “I know Him [YESHUA (JESUS)],” and does not keep His [YESHUA’S (JESUS’)] commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His [YESHUA’S (JESUS’)] word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him [YESHUA (JESUS)]. He who says he abides in Him [YESHUA (JESUS)] ought himself also to walk just as He [YESHUA (JESUS)] walked.

THE MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS TO FOLLOW TO INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN:

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the reign of Elohim (kingdom of God)? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous (greedy of gain), nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the reign of Elohim (kingdom of God).

GALATIANS 5:19-21:

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, drug sorcery, hatred, quarrels, jealousies, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the reign of Elohim (kingdom of God).

EPHESIANS 5:5-6:

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah (Christ) and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

REVELATION 21:7-8:

He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. The cowardly, untrustworthy, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, drug sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

There are many professing Christians who will not inherit the kingdom of heaven, based on the minimal requirements declared in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:5-6, and Revelation 21:7-8. Practicing Catholics and Protestants (protesting Catholics) are idolaters steeped in a pagan-based faith masquerading as the faith of Jesus Christ. Practicing Catholics and Protestants, whether or not they honor and bow before images, are idolaters because they place the teachings of their denominational church, their god, before the teachings of Almighty God, in violation of the First Commandment: “I am YHWH (the Lord) your God. You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 5:7). The Catholic Church has even blasphemously proclaimed that they have the authority to change God’s laws.¹

God is a jealous God who does not like anyone worshiping any other gods in His name. Christians worship other gods through pagan holidays such as Christmas and Easter (the goddess Ishtar). God's festivals to be observed are listed in Leviticus 23, but the mainstream Christian world celebrates Him their way, not His way. Then, as often is the case, when put to the faith test and informed of the pagan holidays, most Christians keep right on dishonoring God their way while proclaiming, "God knows my heart." Yes, He does! God knows that Christians who are conformed to the holidays of the world are doing things their way and not doing the will of God and observing His festivals His way (Leviticus 23).

ROMANS 12:2 (NKJV):

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

A Christian who is regularly engaged in sex outside of a lawful marriage, including masturbation, pornography, fornication, and adultery will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. Remarried Christian couples, in the case where the woman is divorced and remarried to another man while her original husband lives (Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:39), are practicing adulterers, and lest they repent of their remarriage adultery, they will not inherit the kingdom of heaven.

JOHN 4:23-24 (NKJV):

"The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him MUST worship in spirit and truth."

1 JOHN 5:2-3 (NKJV):

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

MATTHEW 7:13-14 (NKJV):

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

REVELATION 22:14-15 (NKJV):

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

If a believer desires to inherit the kingdom of heaven and be blessed with the right to enter the gates into God's holy city, then the way to get there is to do things God's way, by obeying His commandments. The kingdom of heaven is not like Burger King; you can't have it your way.

¹ Peter R. Kraemer- Catholic Church Extension Society (1975), Chicago, Illinois:

"We Catholics do not accept the Bible as the only rule of faith. Besides the Bible we have the living Church, the authority of the Church, as a rule to guide us. We say, this Church, instituted by Christ to teach and guide man through life, has the right to change the ceremonial laws of the Old Testament and hence, we accept her change of the Sabbath to Sunday. We frankly say, yes, the Church made this change, made this law, as she made many other laws, for instance, the Friday abstinence, the unmarried priesthood, the laws concerning mixed marriages, the regulation of Catholic marriages and a thousand other laws."