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Mathew 25:34

God's Message

Introduction

Read - Mathew 25:34

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'

This is the last seen in The Great Epic drama of Good and Evil!

"This is where I want to be and how I want to be received by the victorious king."

An Illustration could be; the Star Wars movies," you see the end of the story first."

Now the rest of the story;

I. There are two Kingdoms.

A. The Kingdom of Light

"For all its peculiarities and unevenness, the Bible has a simple story. God made man. Man rejected God. God won't give up until He wins him back.

God will whisper. He will shout. He will touch and tug. He will take away our burdens; He'll even take away our blessings. If there are a thousand steps between us and Him, He will take all but one. But He will leave the final one for us. The choice is ours.

Please understand. His goal is not to make you happy. His goal is to make you His. His goal is not to get you what you want; it is to get you what you need." A Gentle Thunder by Max Lucado

1. How it came to be?

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God made the Spiritual realm and the Physical realm.

Genesis 1:3-4 NLT

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good. Then He separated the light from the darkness.

God made the light "it was good"

God "separated the light from the darkness"

God did not say, "Darkness is evil but He did separate it from the Light.

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God made Adam and Eve to be like Him!

Now enter the villain stage right!

Genesis 3:1-7 NLT

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

Who is this serpent?

Isaiah 14:12-15 NLT

"How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world.

For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.' Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths.

The serpent, and son of the morning, and the Devil or Satan also called the Dragon are all the same villain.

Now there is a will other than God's in heaven and on earth.

There is a conflict between the rebels in the Kingdom of Darkness, and the servants of Light.

Revelation 12:7-9

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

This Devil or Satan also called the Dragon tempts people to follow him in his rebellion against God.

Genesis 3:7-11

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Man was tempted, and rebelled.

Who is this LORD?

John 1:1-5 NLT

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him.

The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

Isaiah 9:6-7 NLT

For a Child is born to us, a Son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of His ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

Isaiah 11:4-5 NLT

Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

He will delight in obeying the LORD. He will not judge by appearance nor make a decision based on hearsay.

He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited. The earth will shake at the force of His word, and one breath from His mouth will destroy the wicked.

He will wear righteousness like a belt and truth like an undergarment.

2. What it is

God made the Spiritual realm and the Physical realm.

So this Kingdom of Light is a Spiritual and Physical Kingdom.

The Spiritual comes first then the Physical.

a. The Spiritual

John 3:3

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Mark 1:15

"The time promised by God has come at last!" He announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"

Luke 17:21 NIV

17:20 Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation,
17:21 nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

Mathew 13:11

13:11 He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them."

Mark 12:34

12:32 The teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other."

12:33 And I know it is important to love Him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law."

34 Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God."

The King of the Spiritual and Physical Kingdom of Light is Jesus the Christ.

John 18:36-37

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

b. The Physical

Luke 2:4-12

Luk 2:4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Luk 2:5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Luk 2:6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

Luk 2:7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luk 2:8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Luk 2:9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Luk 2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Luk 2:11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Luk 2:12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Jesus the Christ entered into time as the son of Mary, the step son of Joseph.

Mathew 4:1-11

Mat 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Mat 4:2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Mat 4:3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Mat 4:4 Jesus answered, "**It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'**"

Mat 4:5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

Mat 4:6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Mat 4:7 Jesus answered him, "**It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'**"

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

Mat 4:9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Mat 4:10 Jesus said to him, "**Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'**"

Mat 4:11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Jesus the Christ was tempted by the Devil.

Like Adam and Eve, like you and I, but He did not rebel.

1 Corinthians 15:24

1Co 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

1Co 15:24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

1Co 15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

What about us?

Colossians 1:13

Col 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Col 1:10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Col 1:11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully

Col 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Col 1:16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Col 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Hebrews 1:8

Heb 1:1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

Heb 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Heb 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Heb 1:4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

Heb 1:6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Heb 1:7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire."

Heb 1:8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom."

Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Heb 1:10 He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands."

Revelations 11:15

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Revelations 12:10

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

Rev 12:8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

Rev 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Rev 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down."

B. The Kingdom Darkness

It's ruler is a rebel prince Satan the Devil

1. How it came to be

rebellion

2. What it is

Mathew 4:1-11

Mat 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

It is a Kingdom of temptation.

II. The Kingdoms Profiled

A. Comparisons

1. Both Kingdoms are Spiritual and Physical.

2. Each Kingdom has a ruler.

B. Contrasts

1. The Kingdom of Light is ruled in Love.

2. The Kingdom of Darkness is ruled in fear.

3. The Kingdom of Light is ruled by truth.

4. The Kingdom of Darkness is ruled by lies.

III. The Situation

A. Time

B. Resources