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"The kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" JESUS. Matthew 4:17.

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As we begin to read the Gospel in Matthew, John the Baptist is preaching, "Repent, for the Kingdom Of Heaven is at hand!" Matt 3:2.

"Then, Jerusalem, All Judea, And All The Region Around The Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, **Confessing Their Sins.**" Matt 3:5-6.

Then JESUS comes to the Jordan and we hear a Voice From Heaven, Saying, "This Is MY **Beloved SON, In Whom I Am** Well Pleased." —Matt 3:17.

In Matthew Chapter 4 we see JESUS Christ The King of Light confronting the kingdom of darkness. JESUS had just defeated Satan and his 3 big temptations, declining the World, and all it has to offer, saving, "Get thee hence, Satan: For it is Written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." -Mt 4:10.

The Royalty of Heaven had arrived on earth. And JESUS would only worship and serve the LORD God. Therefore, **JESUS** Himself Preached, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand! -(Matt 4:17). (Yes, The King Of Heaven and The Kingdom Of Heaven has drawn close!).

In 'The Beatitudes' JESUS would establish the Attitudes of those who would enter the Kingdom of Heaven. And also give His disciples the Promise of Rewards in Heaven. -(Mt 5:3-12).

Then JESUS Said, Our Lives are meant to Glorify our Father in Heaven. Matt 5:16.

The Obedient would be great in the Kingdom of Heaven. Mt 5:19.

JESUS said The FATHER IN **HEAVEN IS PERFECT And So** Should We Be. "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in Heaven is perfect."

-Matt 5:48.

JESUS taught us how to pray to our Father in Heaven. Mt 6:9-13. JESUS told us to lay up for ourselves Treasures in Heaven. 6:20. **JESUS** said that if we asked, our Father in Heaven would give us good things. Matt 7:11.

JESUS said only those who do the Will of The Father will enter The Kingdom of Heaven. —Matt 7:21.

JESUS said that many would come from the East and the West, and sit down with Abraham. Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven. -Matt 8:11.

JESUS first offered the Kingdom of Heaven to the Jews when HE sent out His 12 Apostles, saying, "But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, "The Kingdom Of Heaven Is At Hand" Matt 10:6-7.

JESUS said that the ones who Confessed Him before men, "him will I **Confess before My Father in Heav**en, but whoever denies Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father in Heaven. Matt 10:32-33.

JESUS said that the least in the Kingdom of Heaven was greater than John the Baptist. Matt 11:11.

JESUS said "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." —Matt 11:12.

Because JESUS Is the Perfection man needed to get into The Kingdom Of Heaven, now others could receive Him and go there too!

And the Cities where JESUS did His mighty works, did not Repent. The King Of Heaven could not introduce them to Heaven, they would be brought down to Hades. 11:20-24.

JESUS said that those who did the Will of His Father in Heaven would be His family. Matt 12:50.

JESUS even showed how the people would be drawn into the King-

dom of Heaven. A Sower Would Go Out To Sow The Word Of God! The Soil it falls on would help determine the Seed's growth. -(Mt 13:3-23).

JESUS gave the understanding of the Mysteries of the Kingdom **Of Heaven** to His Apostles. And because they took hold of His Words, to hear and to possess, More would be given and they would have an Abundance. Matt 13:11-12.

JESUS Said the Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed. If a man would take it and Sow it in his field (in his own life) it would grow up like a mighty tree that the birds would fill the branches of. (Mt 13:31-32).



Has the Kingdom Of Heaven Grown Up In Our Lives To The **Point That Others Want To Fill** Our Branches And With Us, **Enter The Kingdom Of Heaven**?

JESUS Still Offers The Kingdom Of Heaven and some will take it to heart, and some will ignore HIS Offer. The Kingdom Of Heaven Has Been An **Open Door Since The King Of** Heaven Came, And Will Be **Open For A While Longer...** (see Matthew 25:10).

Heaven still has room!

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JESUS spoke often of 'hearing' the Word and 'understanding' it. He spoke of 'soil' of 'depth' 'fowls of the air' 'stony places' 'thorns' and also 'good ground'. This speaks so much of the human condition, and the World we inhabit.

Let's look at some of these Words:

'hear' speaks of giving the speaker audience, listening to him, taking what he says to heart. It's not 'in one ear and out the other'. That's not hearing, that is actively ignoring. To really 'hear' is to receive in the ear what one says, to consider it, and to begin to understand it. The more you hear a speaker, the more you are able to put the words together. Then You begin to say, 'Now I'm beginning to understand you. Now your making sense. And that's because I'm Hearing You.'

JESUS understood fallen mankind's condition. He said, "For this people's <u>heart is waxed gross</u>, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear." Matt 13:15-17.

'heart is waxed gross' means 'to thicken, fatten, stupefy and be rendered callous'. So a heart with callouses is not tender to the Word of God. The Word of God about the Kingdom of Heaven, is deflected off of hard calloused hearts.

If you can see the Kingdom Of Heaven, Blessed are your eyes! JESUS said many Prophets and righteous men have desired to see these things which you see, and have not seen them. They literally 'set their heart upon, and longed for understanding' of these things. Do we Appreciate how Privileged we really are, now that The King Of Heaven Has Come And Spoken?

"The Kingdom Of Heaven Is Like... Good Seed, Treasure & Pearl!

Let's look at some more of JESUS parables of The Kingdom Of Heaven in Matthew 13: "The Kingdom Of Heaven is likened unto a man which Sowed Good Seed in His field." Matt 13:24. JESUS went on to help His Apostles understand that "He that sows the Good Seed Is The Son of man: the field is the world; and the Good Seed are The Children Of The Kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked One; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; The Harvest is the end of the Age; and the reapers are the Angels. The Kingdom Of Heaven, Is All About **JESUS Christ Catching Up HIS Pure Bride For The Heavenly Marriage Feast.**

It stands to reason that HE might do some Moral Cleansing of HIS Bride Church First, Before Placing This 'Good Seed' In The Heavenly Granary.

The Bride Adorned for her Groom would never want to Appear Morally **Offensive To her Groom! The Wedding** would certainly be postponed or canceled. "The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather Out Of His Kingdom ALL Things That Offend, And THEM Which Do Iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then Shall The Righteous Shine Forth As The Sun In The Kingdom Of Their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Matt 13:41-43. The wicked collected out of the kingdom, are all things that Offend. Talk about some serious House Cleaning in the Kingdom. Some judgment is beginning in the Church Mix. Look at this Word **OFFEND**, 'skandalon' Is where we see

'Scandal' in the church? A trap-stick (bent sapling), snare, a cause of displeasure or sin, occasion to fall or stumble. Thing that offends, a stumbling block. Are these things in your church? (see Matt 18:6-7).

But some, in a All grace No holy character church may be in for a rude awakening. This Word 'the righteous' here is 'equitable in character or act, innocent, holy, just, right.' This speaks of our Walk With JESUS Christ. We 'shine forth' 'eklampo' being resplendent, radiate brilliant, giving light. The Church who walks a Holy Walk gives forth light!

"Again, The Kingdom Of Heaven is like unto Treasure hid in a field, and when a man finds it, he hides it, and for joy goes and sells all that he has to buy that field." —Matt 13:44.

The Kingdom Of Heaven is Wealth Concealed for the time of the Homecoming of Christ's Bride Church. Even the Idea of Heaven is hidden to the World. And when a man finds The Kingdom Of Heaven, the World has nothing greater to offer him. **Heaven Is Treasure Beyond Measure!** We willingly sell all for It, but our selfish nature sometimes wants to hide Heaven within ourselves, rather than Share It With The World. Heaven Is Not A Secret For Us To Keep. We Must Be Sharing Heaven's Joy With Others! It's so easy for us Christians to Sink out of sight with our delight.

"Again, The Kingdom Of Heaven is like unto a merchant man, Seeking Goodly Pearls; who, when he has found ONE PEARL Of GREAT PRICE, went and sold all that he had. And Bought IT." —Matt 13:45-46.

JESUS Christ, The King Of Heaven, Has The Character And Beauty Of Perfection. HE Is This Pearl Of Extreme Value! We Sell Out All Of Ourselves For HIM! And, The One Pearl Of Great Price For CHRIST Is HIS Redeemed Bride/Church!

"Again, The Kingdom Of Heaven is like unto a Net, That Was Cast Into The Sea, and Gathered of Every Kind: which, when It was Full, they drew to Shore, and sat down, and gathered The <u>Good</u> Into Vessels, but cast the <u>bad</u> away. So Shall It Be At The End Of The Age: The Angels Shall Come Forth, And <u>Sever The Wicked From</u> AMONG THE JUST."

The End Of The Age Is Not A Time To Be Immoral In Christ's Church, offending The King Of Heaven. Repent! For The Kingdom Of Heaven Is At Hand!"

ARE YOU GOING TO HEAVEN?

The Words In These Parables Of Heaven Speak Of A Holy Walk In Christ's Kingdom!

GOOD: 'kalos' speaks of Honest, Beautiful, Morally Virtuous Character.

BAD: 'sapros' comes from 'sepo' meaning Rotten, Morally Corrupt Character.

Blessed Are The Pure In Heart For They Shall See GOD. —Matthew 5:8.

HEAVEN'S DOOR IS STILL OPEN!