

Message Thirteen

**Living under God's Heavenly Rule, Loving the Lord's Appearing,
and Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom
to Participate in the Kingdom's Manifestation**

Scriptures reading: Matt. 24:40-44; 25:21; Ezek 1:22, 26; Matt. 24:14.

- I. We must live in the kingdom's reality in order to be transferred into the kingdom's manifestation to participate in the Lord's joy and to rule and reign with Him—Matt. 25:21; Rev. 19:7-9; 20:4, 6.**

- II. When we live in the kingdom's reality by allowing Christ as the life-giving Spirit to rule within us, we will hasten the coming of the Lord in the kingdom's manifestation—Matt. 6:10; 2 Pet. 3:12:**
 - A. In order to be under the inner ruling of the Lord's throne, we need a clear sky, a clear fellowship, with Him—Ezek. 1:22, 26; Dan. 4:26; Col. 1:18.
 - B. When we live in our spirit under God's heavenly rule, we have the presence of God in a heavenly situation— Ezek. 1:26; cf. Exo. 24:10:
 1. Because we are standing on the earth for God's interest, God can be the God of heaven and of earth—Gen. 14:19, 22; Matt. 11:25.
 2. When we live in our spirit under God's heavenly rule, heaven and earth are connected; that is, God and man are joined as one—Gen. 28:12-17; John 1:51; Eph. 2:22.
 - C. The One sitting on the throne is the Man-God, and His intention is to work Himself into us to make us the same as He is in His expression and to make us people of the throne—Ezek. 1:26; Rev. 3:21: cf. Matt. 8:9.
 - D. A life under the kingdom's rule is a life of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit—Rom. 14:17.

- III. In order to enjoy the Lord as our reward in the kingdom age, we must be those who love His appearing— 2 Tim. 4:7-8, 18; Matt. 24:40-44; Rev. 22:20:**

- IV. In order to enjoy the Lord as our reward in the kingdom age, we must preach the gospel of the kingdom to the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations before the end of this age—Matt. 24:14:**
 - A. The gospel of the kingdom emphasizes the heavenly ruling of God and the authority of the Lord—Matt. 28:18-20.
 - B. The gospel of the kingdom is the sowing of Christ as the seed, the gene, of the kingdom of God into God's chosen people that He might grow in them, live in them, and be expressed from within them to develop into God's ruling realm—Mark 4:26-29.
 - C. God's unique purpose in this age is to have the gospel preached that the church might be built up to consummate the New Jerusalem—Eph. 3:8-11.
 - D. The overcomers who preach the gospel of the kingdom become the riders of the white horse—Rev. 19:11, 13-14.
 - E. The preaching of the gospel of the kingdom is the greatest sign of the end of this age.

Message Twelve

Reference Scripture Verses:

Matt. 24:40-44. **40** At that time two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. **41** Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. **42** Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes. **43** But know this, that if the householder had known in which watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. **44** For this reason you also be ready, because at an hour when you do not expect *it*, the Son of Man is coming

Matt. 25:21 His master said to him, Well *done*, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.

Ezek. 1:22 And over the heads of the living creature there was the likeness of an expanse, like the sight of awesome crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

Ezek. 1:26 And above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, like the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was One in appearance like a man, above it.

2Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

Matt. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

I.

Rev. 19:7-9. **7** Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. **8** And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints. **9** And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

Rev. 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and *of those* who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Rev. 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

II.

Matt. 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, *so* also on earth.

2Pet. 3:12 Expecting and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens, being on fire, will be dissolved, and the elements, burning with intense heat, are to be melted away?

Dan. 4:26 And in that it was commanded that the stump of roots of the tree be left, your kingdom will be assured to you after you have come to know that the heavens do rule.

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Exo. 24:10 And they saw the God of Israel, and under His feet there was something like a paved work of sapphire, even like heaven itself for clearness.

Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

Gen. 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth,

Matt. 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I extol You, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

Gen. 28:12-17. 12 And he dreamed: There was a ladder set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. **13** And there was Jehovah, standing above it; and He said, I am Jehovah, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie, I will give to you and to your seed. **14** And your seed will be as the dust of the earth, and you will spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and in your seed will all the families of the earth be blessed. **15** And, behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will cause you to return to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. **16** And Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, Surely Jehovah is in this place, and I did not know it. **17** And he was afraid and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

John 1:51 And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, You shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

Eph. 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Rev. 3:21 He who overcomes, to him I will give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne.

Matt. 8:9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my slave, Do this, and he does *it*.

Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

III.

2Tim. 4:7-8. 7 I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith. **8** Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

2Tim. 4:18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will save me into His heavenly kingdom, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 22:20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

IV.

Matt. 28:18-20. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.

Mark 4:26-29. 26 And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth, **27** And sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and lengthens -- how, he does not know. **28** The earth bears fruit by itself: first a blade, then an ear, then full grain in the ear. **29** But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he sends forth the sickle, because the harvest has come.

Eph. 3:8-11. 8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel **9** And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been ⁴hidden in God, who created all things, **10** In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church, **11** According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Rev. 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

Rev. 19:13-14. 13 And He is clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God. **14** And the armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white *and* clean.