

Bereans Bible Institute

Module X – The Kingdom of God

Lesson 16 – Jesus’ Teaching on the Kingdom (Part 2)

I. Matt. 21:33-46 Parable of the Vineyard Landowner

- A. The Vineyard owner is God
- B. The vineyard is Israel & God’s covenantal inheritance
- C. The tower is Jerusalem
- D. The vinedressers are the Levitical Priesthood
- E. The vinedressers abused God’s prophets
- F. God sent His only Son (the heir)
- G. The vinedressers plotted to kill the Son and seize His inheritance (the Land)
- H. The Stone the builders rejected: Psalm 118:22-23, Isa. 28:16; Israel’s ‘Rock’ (Deut 32), that Rock was Christ (1 Cor. 10:4); The Stone (Dan. 2).
- I. The KINGDOM will be taken from Levites and given to others (new wineskins – the Apostles), the “holy nation & kingdom of priests” (Ex. 19 & 1 Peter 2:9).

II. Matt. 22:1-14 Parable of the Marriage of the King’s Son (Jerusalem – bride)

- A. The servants are the prophets
- B. Invited guests – Abraham’s natural seed, the 12 tribes
- C. Marriage Supper – Isa. 25; Isa. 54; Rev. 19
- D. Levites abused the King’s servants
- E. God sent the Roman armies to destroy Jerusalem and the Temple.
- F. A SECOND invitation for gentiles
- G. Guests without a “wedding garment” sent into Gehenna – (white robes = “the righteousness of the saints” {Rev. 4:4; Rev. 7:9,13-14; Rev. 19:7-8}).

III. Luke 19:11-27 Parable of the Minas (Talents)

- A. The parable was given to correct the misunderstanding that the Kingdom would appear immediately.
- B. Christ had to first WAIT at God’s right hand until His enemies to be made his footstool (Ps. 110:1).
- C. Christ delivers gifts (and responsibilities) to His servants to invest.
- D. Christ returns when He receives the Kingdom.
- E. Rewards for faithful servants are “authority over cities” which already exist
- F. Those producing nothing are cast out of the Kingdom
- G. Christ’s rejecters (to whom the Gospel first came) utterly destroyed

IV. Luke 8:4-18 Parable of the Sower (Who will inherit the Kingdom)

- A. The ‘Seed’ is the message of the Kingdom (Matt.)
- B. Wayside – does embrace the Gospel
- C. Rocky – embrace the Gospel for a while, but fall away during times of testing
- D. Thorns – embrace the Gospel, but are distracted by temporal things
- E. Good ground – embrace the Message, bear fruit & persevere to the end
 - 1. Matt. 11:11-12 The Kingdom seized by “force” (press upon – aggressive); cf. Matt. 13:44-51 & 2 Pet. 1:5-11