

Fueling Station 4: Key to living the kingdom life- 3 kingdom parables

Matthew 25: Parable of Ten Virgins, Parable of Talents, Parable of Sheep and Goats



*Motivation is the Key to running a faithful race!

“Where there is no vision, the people perish: But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”
Proverbs 29:18 KJV

Intro: These three parables in Mathew 25 are placed strategically at the end of the Olivet discourse when Jesus is explaining to his disciples how the gospel of the kingdom plays out in the harvest of the final judgment. These parables lay the groundwork for the coming millennial reign of Jesus Christ and how he will evaluate and meet out the inheritance upon setting up His Kingdom. The author believes that they are placed in order from the greatest to the least and that looking at them in reverse order is a clear picture of the process of sanctification in the maturity of the saints and levels of glorification and loss in the recompense of the saints.

Note: as we look at the next few chapters of Matthew 26-28, we can extrapolate some hints to the same degree. Jesus tells Peter on the Mt. of Olives that he will deny Him three(3) times, reminding us of another verse that says, “if you deny me I also will deny you”(Timothy). Also in 26:61 “I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three(3) days”. Then of course in

chapter 28 Jesus states that He is looking for disciples! So in short, Jesus is looking to build His kingdom and have it ready by the time He returns from heaven. He does this by making disciples for all the positions that a King will need to rule His Kingdom just like King David. If you deny the King, the King will also deny you the positions and privileges that could have been yours. I believe these three(3) parables show us just how He does this and the three(3) part harvest: first fruits, main, and gleanings show us the sequential time frame layed out in the book of Revelation.

Interesting thought as well when the religious leaders told Jesus that it took 46(40+6) years to build the temple. Forty(40) being the number of testing and trial in the Bible six(6) being the number of man, meaning God prepares His people through the wilderness of trials and testing to prepare them for His Kingdom or Promised Land! Whoever is willing to persevere and endure by faith this process will be rewarded with the inheritance!!

“Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called **least** in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:19 ESV

*Least



“Then Jesus told his disciples, “**If anyone** would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will **repay each person** according to what he has done.”

Matthew 16:24-27 ESV

“and said, “Truly, I say to you, **unless** you turn and become like children, you will **never enter** the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the **greatest** in the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 18:3-4 ESV

“Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, **you who have followed me** will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And **everyone** who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for **my name’s sake**, will receive a hundredfold and will **inherit** eternal life. But many who are **first** will be **last**, and the **last first**.”

Matthew 19:28-30 ESV

*insight: the “one” who overcomes will sit on Jesus throne not 12 separate thrones if we take these verses literally. The “one” will be the wife of Jesus which makes sense that the Queen who is one with her husband would share His throne!

1)Wise Virgin Characteristics:

*Extra Oil = Wisdom- counted the cost of “pressing” into Christ, sacrificing time to seek after and listen to His voice intently. She receives no glory from the world because these are the hidden things of the heart!

“He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.””

Matthew 13:33 ESV

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Matthew 13:44 ESV

““Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Matthew 13:45-46 ESV

“Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”

Psalms 51:6, 10, 17 ESV

“Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? O simple ones, learn prudence; O fools, learn sense. for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. “I, wisdom, dwell with

prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries.”

Proverbs 8:1, 5, 7, 10-17, 20-21 ESV

“Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine; your anointing oils are fragrant; your name is oil poured out; therefore virgins love you. Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me into his chambers. We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you.”

Song of Solomon 1:2-4 ESV

*Wise virgins are like submissive wives:

“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to The Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.”

Ephesians 5:22-24 ESV

“Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.(ptoesis=makes you nervous)

1 Peter 3:1-6 ESV

Submissive Wives/virgins are favored ones:

“to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary.”

Luke 1:27 ESV

“And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”

Luke 1:28, 30 ESV

Pauls phobia about virgins:

“I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.”

2 Corinthians 11:1-4 ESV

*to put up with a false notion about your husband, your considered a “fool” and this means that you didn’t “know” Him well enough and likewise He didn’t “know”(eido) you!

“And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know(eido) not the man. And immediately the cock crew.”

Matthew 26:73-74 KJV

*Peter denied “to Know” Jesus when asked if he was Jesus disciple, this was a very disciplined “knowing” just like a Wise Virgin has!

These wise virgins could be the 144,000:

“Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.”

Revelation 14:1, 3-5 ESV

*Important to understand that defiling yourself with women is likened to spiritual adultery(any idols put before the Lord represent other lovers) and no lie means they did not accept anything false concerning the knowledge of God!

*the names written on the “one” who overcomes are the key to understanding the promise to the overcomer in Revelation chapter 3 to the church of Philadelphia.

“The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.”

Revelation 3:12 ESV

*Mary the virgin was called “favored one” just like the promises to the overcomer are to “the one” who overcomes!

Wise Virgins become Queens:

“And when Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus, into his royal palace, in the tenth month, which is the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign, the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she won grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. Then the king gave a great feast for all his officials and servants; it was Esther’s feast. He also granted a remission of taxes to the provinces and gave gifts with royal generosity.”

Esther 2:16-18 ESV

“And when the Queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not. And when the Queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice. And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.”

1 Kings 10:1-4, 8-10, 13 KJV

*she offers all she has so he offers all that he has!

Mystery of Mystery's:

“Whoever(greek: **the one**) has my commandments and **keeps** them, **he** it is who **loves** me. And **he** who **loves me** will be **loved** by my Father, and I will **love** him and manifest myself to him.”
 Jesus answered him, “If **anyone loves** me, he will **keep** my word, and my Father will **love** him, and **we** will come to him and make our home with him. **Whoever** does not **love** me does not **keep** my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.”

John 14:21, 23-24 ESV

*one

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John 14:21 Interlinear: he who is having my commands, and is keeping them, that one it is who is loving me, and he who i...

John 14:21

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25 [h] 846 [h] 2532 [h] 1718 [h] 646 [h] 1880 [h]
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 will love him and will show to him Myself

*love

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25. αγαπαω

Strong's Concordance
 αγαπαω: to love
 Original Word: αγαπαω
 Part of Speech: Verb
 Transliteration: agapaō
 Phonetic Spelling: (ag-ap-ah'-o)
 Definition: to love
 Usage: I love, wish well to, take pleasure in, long for; denotes the love of reason, esteem.

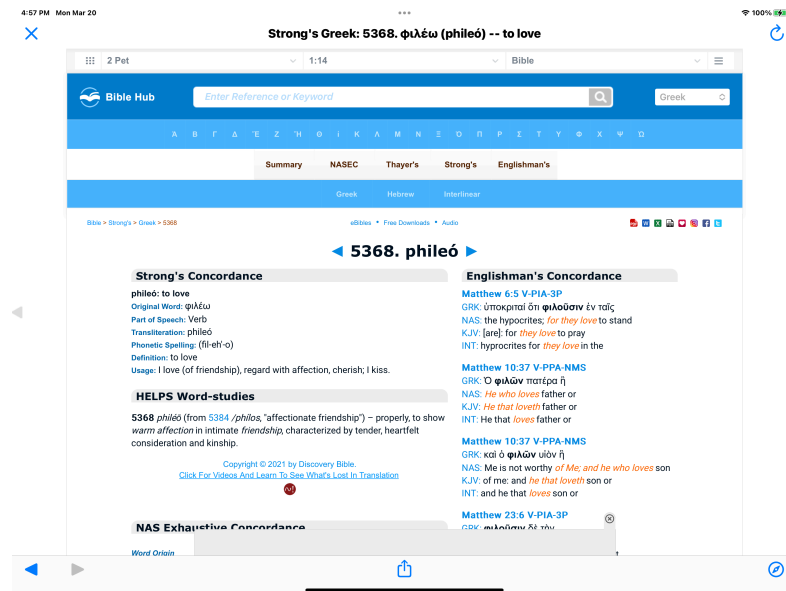
HELPS Word-studies
 Cognate: 25 αγαπαω – properly, to prefer, to love; for the believer, preferring to live through Christ (1 Jn 4:19), i.e. embracing God's will (choosing His choices) and obeying them through His power. 25 (agapaō) presently refers to what God prefers as he "to love" (1 Jn 4:18, 19; Rev 2:15 (agapaō)).
 With the believer, 25 (agapaō ("to love")) means actively doing what the Lord prefers, with Him (by His power and direction). True 25 (agapaō ("loving")) is always defined by God – a "discriminating affection which involves choice and selection" (902, 477). 1 Jn 4:18, 19 for example convey how loving ("preferring" 25 (agapaō)) is Christ living His life through the believer.
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NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Englishman's Concordance
 Matthew 5:43 V-F1A-2S
 GRK: οτι εραπη αγαπηθησεται τον πληστον
 NAS: that it was said, YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
 KJV: it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor
 INT: that it was said you will love neighbor
 Matthew 5:44 V-PMA-2P
 GRK: Αγαπησθε τον εχθρον τουσ εχθρουσ
 NAS: But I say to you, love your enemies
 KJV: say unto you, Love your enemies
 INT: say to you Love enemies
 Matthew 5:46 V-ASA-2P
 GRK: εαν αγαπησητε τουσ αγαπητωνσ
 NAS: For if you love those who love you
 KJV: For if ye love them which love you
 INT: if indeed you love those who love you
 Matthew 5:46 V-PPA-AMP
 GRK: αγαπησητε τουσ αγαπωνσ εμασ τηνσ
 NAS: those who love you, what
 KJV: ye love them which love you, what
 INT: you love those who love you what
 Matthew 6:24 V-F1A-3S
 GRK: τον ετραπον αγαπησει η ενδοσ
 NAS: the one who loves the money, will lose his soul
 KJV: he that loveth the mammon, shall lose his soul
 INT: the one who loves the money will lose his soul

“So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, **the one** whom Jesus **loved**, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were **running** together, **but the other disciple outran** Peter and reached the tomb first.”
John 20:2-4 ESV

*love



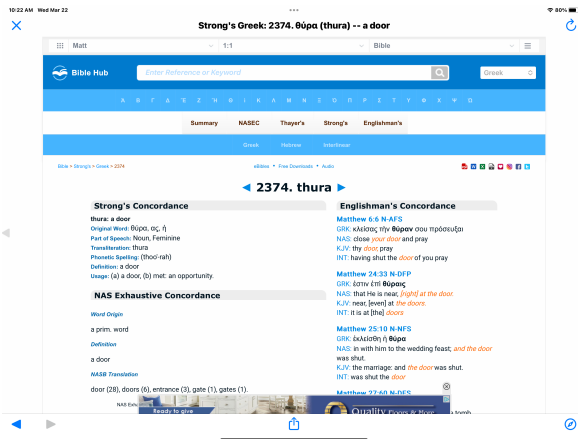
“Peter turned and saw **the disciple whom Jesus loved** following them, **the one** who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, **what about this man?**” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!””
John 21:20-22 ESV

*John was taken to the island of Patmos and given Revelations! Just like the bride that was chaste pressed in to receive divine revelation to be prepared for the bridegroom’s coming by staying alert, ready, and watchful. She will also be taken to a place or like it says to the church of Philadelphia “you have an open door” just like the wise virgins! This “door” was also given to the John the Apostle in Revelation 4:1.

“After this I looked, and behold, a **door** standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

Revelation 4:1 ESV

*door



“The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a **crown of beauty** in the hand of the Lord, and a **royal diadem** in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called **My Delight Is in Her**, and your **land Married**; for the **Lord delights in you**, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, **so shall your sons marry you**, and as the **bridegroom** rejoices over the **bride**, so shall your God rejoice over you.”

Isaiah 62:2-5 ESV

The King will make a covenant with the firstborn:

“And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was **knit** with the **soul** of David, and Jonathan **loved him as his own soul**. Then Jonathan and David made a **covenant**, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.”

1 Samuel 18:1, 3-4 KJV

*Make no mistake and don't twist my words, but this male intimacy like a marriage has nothing to do with physical intimacy but soul intimacy!! The homosexual movement today I believe is an extension of a deep desire to be close with our Lord but Satan has used it for evil!

2) Good and Faithful Steward Servant characteristics:

*Look up: Matthew 25:14-30

*Servant

Strong's Greek: 1401. δούλος (doulos) -- a slave

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doulos: a slave
Original Word: δούλος, οἰ, ὁ
Part of Speech: Adjective; Noun, Feminine; Noun, Masculine
Transliteration: doulos
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Definition: a slave
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KJV: and to my *servant*; Do this,
INT: and to *servant* of me Do
Matthew 10:24 N-NMS
GRK: ὁδοῦντακτος οὐδὲ δούλος ὑμῶν ἰσχύει
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INT: teacher nor *a servant* above the
Matthew 10:25 N-NMS
GRK: καὶ ὁ δούλος ὑγῶ
NAS: his teacher, *and the slave* like
KJV: master, *and the servant* as his
INT: and the *servant* as the
Matthew 13:27 N-NMP
GRK: καὶ ἀπέκλεσε τὸν κίβδηλον

*wicked

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ponēros: toilsome, bad
Original Word: πονηρός, ὁ, ὄν
Part of Speech: Adjective
Transliteration: ponēros
Phonetic Spelling: (pon-ay-ros)
Definition: toilsome, bad
Usage: evil, bad, wicked, malicious, slothful.

HELPS Word-studies
4190 ponēros (an adjective which is also used substantively, derived from 4192 /ponos, ‘pain, laborious trouble’) – properly, *pain-ridden*, emphasizing the inevitable agonies (misery) that always go with evil.

Englishman's Concordance
Matthew 5:11 Adj-ANS
GRK: εὐφραίνεσθε ἰσχυρῶς ἐναντίον πάντων τῶν ἀνθρώπων
NAS: all kinds of *evil* against
KJV: all manner of *evil* against
INT: shall say all kinds of *evil* against you
Matthew 5:37 Adj-GMS
GRK: ἕκ τοῦ πονηροῦ ἔστιν
NAS: anything beyond these *is of evil*.
KJV: cometh of *evil*.
INT: from *evil* comes
Matthew 5:39 Adj-DMS
GRK: ἀντιθέτω τῷ πονηρῷ ὁμάτι σου
NAS: to you, do not resist an *evil* person, but whoever
KJV: That ye resist not *evil*; but whoever
INT: to resist the *evil* (person) but whoever
Matthew 5:45 Adj-AMP
GRK: ἀγαπήσατε τοὺς ἐχθρούς ὑμῶν καὶ τοὺς καταδιώκοντάς ὑμᾶς ἵνα υἱοὶ τοῦ πατρὸς ὑμῶν γένησθε ὡς ὁ πατὴρ ἀγαπᾷ τὸν οὐρανόν

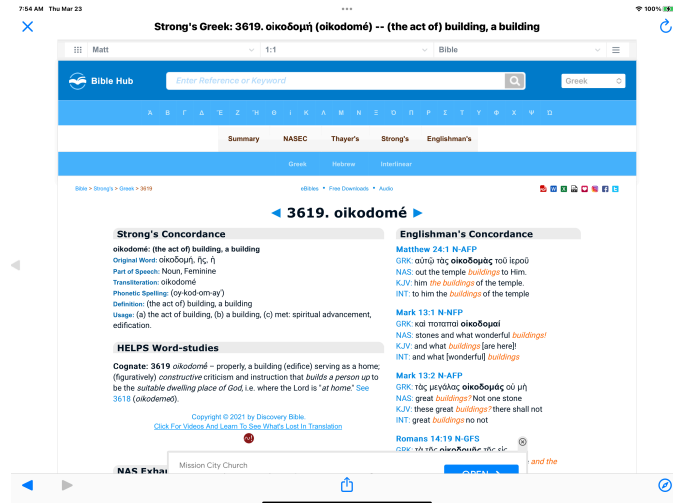
*Talent= a cost of being a disciple of Jesus is proving ourselves faithful in our responsibilities to our Master. Faithfully using the grace of God in the gifts of the Spirit of God to build up the church of God making a temple suitable for His dwelling place.

These are not the hidden works of the heart but the works of a renewed mind knowing the will of God and teaching it to others helping them to run a faithful race. This life comes with the glory and privilege of proclaiming and teaching but also with the persecution of the truth being a foul aroma or stench to others.

“Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their **upbuilding** and **encouragement** and **consolation**. The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies **builds up** the church.”

1 Corinthians 14:1-4 ESV

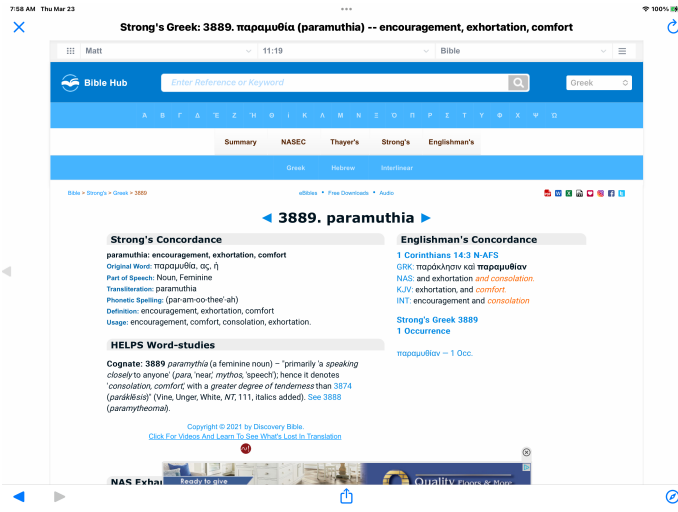
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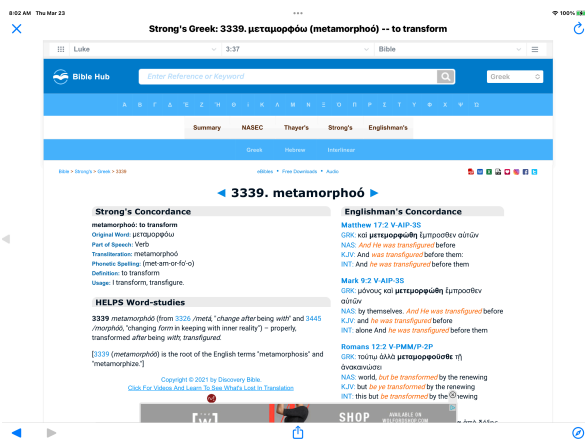
“For we are God’s fellow workers; **you** are God’s field, **you** are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let **each one** take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now **if anyone** builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for **the Day** will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will **test each one’s work**, of what sort it is. If **anyone’s work** which he has built on it endures, he will **receive a reward**. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, **yet so as through fire.**”

I Corinthians 3:9-15 NKJV

“But **we all**, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

*transform



Now lets focus on the word Servant:

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. **For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.**”

Galatians 1:6, 8-10 ESV

*Servant

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*Please

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Transliteration: aresko
Phonetic Spelling: (ar-es'-ko)
Definition: to please
Usage: I please, with the idea of willing service rendered to others; hence almost: I serve.

HELPS Word-studies
700 *aresko* — properly, *satisfy* (make good on something, i.e.); hence to please, winning someone's favor (affection, approval) because *meeting their expectation* (especially by being in moral agreement).

Englishman's Concordance
Matthew 14:6 V-A1A-3S
GRK: μέσσω καὶ ἠρέσεν τῷ Ἡρώδῃ
NAS: before them and pleased Herod,
KJV: before them, and pleased Herod.
INT: midst and pleased Herod
Mark 6:22 V-A1A-3S
GRK: καὶ ἀγαρομένης ἠρέσεν τῷ Ἡρώδῃ
NAS: in and danced, she pleased Herod
KJV: danced, and pleased Herod and
INT: and having danced pleased Herod
Acts 6:5 V-A1A-3S
GRK: καὶ ἠρέσεν ὁ ἄλλος
NAS: The statement found approval with the whole
KJV: the saying pleased the whole
INT: And was pleasing the saying
Romans 8:8 V-ANA
GRK: Ἄρατος ἐστὶν ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ κόσμου

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But **the one who endures** to the end will be saved. It is enough for **the disciple** to be like his teacher, and the **servant** like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. So everyone who **acknowledges me** before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever **denies me** before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. And **whoever** does not take his cross and follow me is not **worthy of me**. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever **loses his life for my sake** will find it.”

Matthew 10:16, 21-22, 25, 32-33, 38-39 ESV

“You then, **my child**, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a **good soldier** of Christ Jesus. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also **may obtain** the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. **Do your best** to present yourself to God as **one approved**, a **worker** who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling** the word of truth. But God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.” Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a **vessel for honorable use**, **set apart** as holy, **useful** to the master of the house, **ready** for every good work. And the **Lord’s servant** must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to **teach**, patiently enduring evil, **correcting his opponents** with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”

2 Timothy 2:1-3, 10, 15, 19, 24-26 ESV

“Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm **yourselves** with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. As each has received a gift, use it to **serve one another**, as **good stewards** of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to **test you**, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that **you may also** rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while **doing good**.”

1 Peter 4:1-2, 10-13, 19 ESV

King Davids example, a type of King Jesus:

“Hiram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might **build an house** for the LORD, and an **house for his kingdom.**”

2 Chronicles 2:12 KJV

*we know this now as both land and people to govern it! Servants become Priests and Judges!!

“With great pains I have provided for the house of the Lord 100,000 **talents** of gold, a million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weighing, for there is so much of it; timber and stone, too, I have provided. To these you must add. You have an abundance of **workmen**: stonecutters, masons, carpenters, and all kinds of craftsmen without number, skilled in working gold, silver, bronze, and iron. Arise and work! The Lord be with you!”

1 Chronicles 22:14-16 ESV

*note the “talent” was a measure of cost for the house of the Lord!

“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are **being built up** as a **spiritual house, to be** a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **a people** for his **own** possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 ESV

“and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and **made us a kingdom, priests** to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Revelation 1:5-6 ESV

“Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the **authority to judge** was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They** came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. **The rest** of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the **first resurrection**. Blessed and holy is **the one** who **shares** in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be **priests** of God and of Christ, and they will **reign with him** for a thousand years.”

Revelation 20:4-6 ESV

“Now these are the chiefs of David’s mighty men, who gave him strong support **in his kingdom**, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord **concerning Israel**.”
1 Chronicles 11:10 ESV

*this is key to being grafted into Israel and not being cutoff!

“David consulted with the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with every leader. And David said to **all the assembly of Israel**, “If it seems good to you and from the Lord our God, let us send abroad to our brothers who remain in all the lands of Israel, as well as to the priests and Levites in the cities that have pasturelands, that they may be gathered to us.”
1 Chronicles 13:1-2 ESV

“So David reigned over all Israel, and he administered justice and equity to **all his people**. And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests; and Shavsha was secretary; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David’s sons were the chief officials in the service of the king.”
1 Chronicles 18:14-17 ESV

“David and the chiefs of the service also **set apart for the service** the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who prophesied with lyres, with harps, and with cymbals. The list of those who did the work and of their duties was:”
1 Chronicles 25:1 ESV

“As for the **divisions** of the gatekeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. These divisions of the gatekeepers, corresponding to their chief men, had duties, just as their brothers did, ministering in the house of the Lord. King David appointed him and his brothers, 2,700 men of ability, heads of fathers’ houses, to have the oversight of the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of the Manassites for everything pertaining to God and for the affairs of the king.”
1 Chronicles 26:1, 12, 32 ESV

*The list of appointed positions go on and on and on! The idea of being cast into the outer darkness as a servant is definitely losing out on your privilege of a glorious position serving the King!

3) Righteous Sheep characteristics:

““When the Son of Man **comes in his glory**, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be **gathered** all the nations, and he will **separate** people one from another as a shepherd **separates** the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.”

Matthew 25:31-33 ESV

*separate

873. aphorizō

Strong's Concordance
aphorizō: to mark off by boundaries from, i.e. set apart
Original Word: ἀφορίζω
Part of Speech: Verb
Transliteration: aphorizō
Phonetic Spelling: (af-or-id'zo)
Definition: to mark off by boundaries from, set apart
Usage: I trail off, separate, place apart.

Englishman's Concordance
Matthew 13:49 V-FIA-3P
GRK: ἄγγελοι καὶ ἀφοριοῦσιν τοὺς πονηροὺς
NAS: will come forth and take out the wicked
KJV: and sever the wicked
INT: angels and will separate the evil

Matthew 25:32 V-FIA-3S
GRK: ἕβη καὶ ἀφοριεὶ αὐτοὺς ἄντ'
NAS: before Him, and He will separate them from one another.
KJV: and he shall separate them
INT: nations and he will separate them from

Matthew 25:32 V-FIA-3S
GRK: ὁ ποιῶν ἀφοριεὶ τὰ πρόβατα
NAS: as the shepherd separates the sheep
KJV: a shepherd divideth [his] sheep
INT: the shepherd separates the sheep

Luke 6:22 V-4SA-3P
GRK: ἄφοριετε
NAS: will separate you
KJV: shall separate you
INT: will separate you

HELPS Word-studies
873 aphorizō (from 575 /apō, 'separated from' and 3724 /horizō, 'make boundaries') – properly, separate from a boundary, i.e. a previous condition/situation (note the prefix, apo).

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NAS Exhaustive Concordance

*sheep

4263. probaton

Strong's Concordance
probaton: a sheep
Original Word: πρόβατον, οὐ, τό
Part of Speech: Noun, Neuter
Transliteration: probaton
Phonetic Spelling: (proh'bat-on)
Definition: a little sheep
Usage: a sheep.

Englishman's Concordance
Matthew 7:15 N-GNP
GRK: ἐν ἐνδόμασιν πρόβατων ἑσθιέειν θέ
NAS: come to you in sheep's clothing,
KJV: you in sheep's clothing, but
INT: in clothing of sheep inwardly moreover

Matthew 9:36 N-ANP
GRK: ἑρρωμένοι ὡστί πρόβατα μὴ ἔχοντα
NAS: like sheep without
KJV: as sheep having
INT: cast away as sheep not having

Matthew 10:6 N-ANP
GRK: πρὸς τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἀπολωλότα
NAS: to the lost sheep of the house
KJV: the lost sheep of the house
INT: to the sheep lost

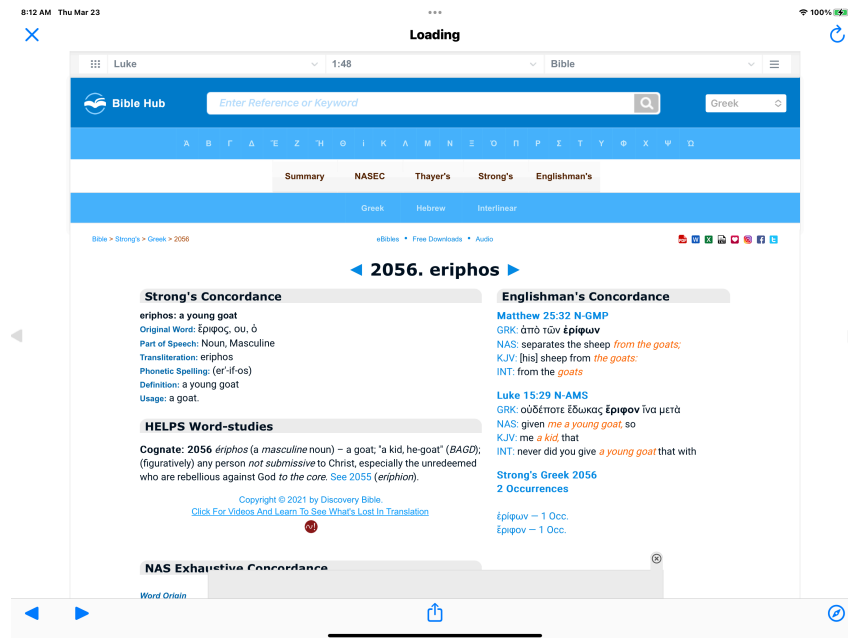
Matthew 10:16 N-NNP
GRK: ὡσεὶ πρόβατα ἐν μέσῳ λύκων
NAS: as sheep in the midst of wolves
KJV: as sheep in the midst of wolves
INT: as sheep in the midst of wolves

HELPS Word-studies
4263 probaton – sheep, (figuratively) someone easily led, one way or the other (like a sheep).
[4263 (probaton) properly refers to any animal that grazes (goes out to pasture), but especially to sheep]

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*goat



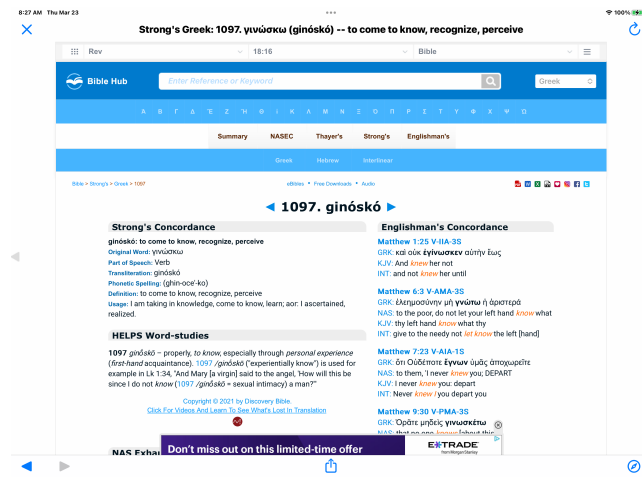
“To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they **know** his voice.”

John 10:3-4 NKJV

“Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I **know** them, and they **follow** Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

John 10:25-28 NKJV

*know



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”

Matthew 25:35-36 ESV

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.”

2 Corinthians 9:11 ESV

“Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.”

Galatians 2:10 ESV

“Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

Ephesians 4:28 ESV

“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

1 Timothy 6:18-19 ESV

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”

James 1:27 ESV

“My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.”

James 2:1-9 ESV

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you

says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”
James 2:14-17 ESV

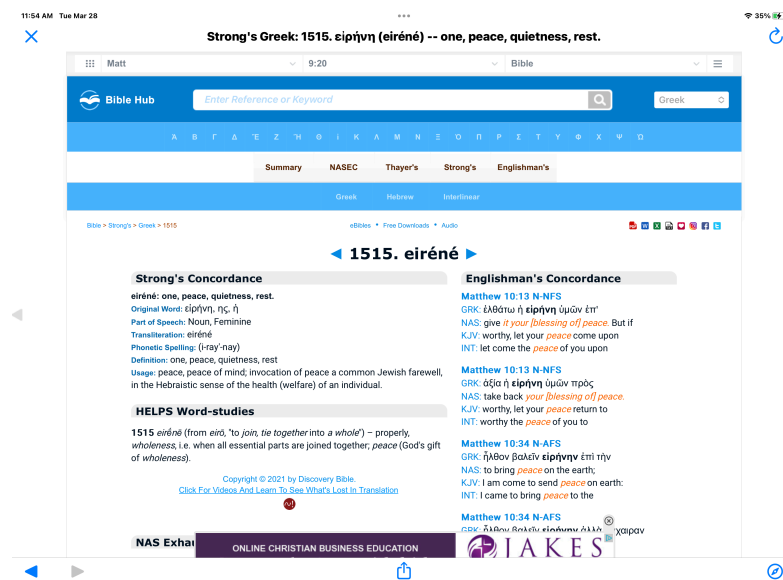
“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with **greater strictness.**”
James 3:1 ESV

*shows the distinction between a sheep and servant.

“And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”
James 3:18 ESV

*righteous sheep are peacemakers

*peace



““Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?”
Ezekiel 34:2 ESV

*Also shows a distinction between sheep and servant shepherds.

“And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain

heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God.”

Ezekiel 34:13-15 ESV

“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

Ezekiel 34:17, 20, 23-24 ESV

“And they shall know that I am the Lord their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God. And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord God.””

Ezekiel 34:30-31 ESV

Conclusion:

1)Virgin/Bride: hidden things of the heart receive the hidden manna from Jesus.(John at Patmos, Paul caught up to 3rd heaven, the extra oil of pure devotion)

2)Servant/Steward: good and faithful get privileged rulership just like the mature are “overseers” in the church.

3)Sheep: righteous sheep who do good deeds in Jesus name for the Good Shepherd, get the best pasturelands and provisions.

*However these details play out, it is evident that these parables pertain to Gods people, that they pertain to the inheritance in the kingdom to come, and these reflect on the 3 aspects of our relationship w/ God: intimacy, privileged positions, and lands!

The order of the kingdom from the top down compared to the olive tree inheritance:

“They are Israelites, and to them belong the **adoption**, the **glory**, the **covenants**, the giving of the **law**, the **worship**, and the **promises**. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.”

Romans 9:4-5 ESV

*Paul mentions to the church that we have been grafted into Israel by faith as a wild olive branch into an olive tree that represents these 6 aspects of inheritance. The first of these “adoption” represents our initial justification salvation, “to all who received Him, who believed in His name,

He gave the right to become children of God”(John 1:12) This means we have been grafted in through adoption. The next benefits of inheritance will be compared in this table to the kingdom parables Jesus taught.

Wise Virgins- receive an open door to wedding	Olive Tree=The Glory
Foolish Virgins- go back a buy for yourselves	Olive Tree=The Covenants
Faithful Servants- put in charge of much	Olive Tree=The giving of the Law
Lazy Servant- thrown outside	Olive Tree=The Worship
Righteous Sheep- inherit the kingdom	Olive Tree=The Promises
Unrighteous Goats- nothing	Olive Tree= cut off

Questions to reflect:

1. Have you ever believed that any of these reflected on Heaven or Hell and if so how did that make you view God?
2. Does the value of receiving inheritance in the coming kingdom of Christ motivate you for faithful discipleship today? What changes in your life will you make in light of this?
3. Where among the three parables do you most recognize yourself? Where would others that know you well categorize you?
4. Of all the character traits listed both good and bad where are you strengths and weaknesses?

*Remember be a good Berean and be diligent in studying the scriptures to show yourself approved and encourage others to do the same!