

Thy Kingdom Come

September 7, 2025 | *Parable Recap*



Observation: What is happening here?

- **Seed and soil:** God takes what is small and expands it. From seed to growth to bearing fruit. (*Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23; Mark 4:26-29; Luke 8:5-8, 11-15*)
- **Treasure and pearl:** Finding the truth (in Christ) means leaving aside the former life and former things (*Matthew 13:44-46*)
- **Lamp and householder:** Let your light shine and be one trained to bring forth the new and old. (*Matthew 5:14-16; Mark 4:21-25; Luke 8:16-18; Matthew 13:52*)
- **Shepherd and sheep:** Just as Christ cares for his own, we should care for others. (*John 10:1-18; Luke 15:3-7*)
- **Virgins and banquet:** Preparation for the final judgement. Living in readiness. (*Matthew 25:1-13; Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:15-24*)
- **Minas and talents:** Steward all God has given to you. (*Luke 19:11-27; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 16:1-13; Luke 17:7-10*)
- **Wheat and weeds/net/sheep and goats:** Christ will return and there will be a final judgment (*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; Matthew 13:47-50; Matthew 25:31-46*)

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Interpretation: What can we learn?

From seed to bearing fruit:

- Let us respond to the Gospel. Let our soil (heart) be ready to respond and receive the seed of the Word. Let it take root and grow.
- **Scriptures:** *Matthew 13:3-9, 31-33, 44-46; Mark 4:26-29; Luke 13:18-21; Colossians 1:5-6.*

Stewardship and counting the cost:

- Time, talents, treasure, testimony: steward well and don't bury/neglect.
- Discipleship is intentional: build your life on the Rock and count the cost.
- **Scriptures:** *Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27; Luke 16:1-13; Luke 17:7-10; Luke 14:28-33; Matthew 7:24-27; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15.*

Grace, compassion, and persevering prayer:

- God seeks the lost. God provides grace, newness of life, new identity, salvation, and all that we need. Let us be on a path to be more Christ-like.
- **Scriptures:** *Luke 15:1-32; Luke 10:25-37; Luke 7:41-50; Luke 11:5-8; Luke 18:1-8; Matthew 13:47-50; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 16:19-31; Micah 6:8.*

Application: How should we live?

Receive the Word and treasure the Kingdom

- Prepare the soil; Let your mind be changed (metanoia)
- Surrender the lesser (lower) things for the treasure you've found in Him!
- **Scriptures:** *James 1:21; Psalm 119:15-16; Philippians 3:7-8; Mark 4:26-29; Colossians 3:16.*

Steward your life and count the cost

- Steward your Mina, steward your life. (Time, Talent, Treasure, and Testimony),
- Build upon the solid rock until completion in Him. Be a hearer and doer of the Word. Choose Christ, the Rock over sand, and live life in readiness and preparation.
- **Scriptures:** *1 Corinthians 4:2; Luke 19:13; Luke 14:28-33; Matthew 7:24-27; Ephesians 5:15-17.*

Practice love, mercy, prayer, and shine

- Be Christlike in what you say, what you do, and your presence towards others.
- Put your lamp on a stand: let your works point to the Father. Saved **for** works.
- **Scriptures:** *Matthew 25:35-40; Luke 11:5-8; Luke 18:1-8; Matthew 5:14-16; Isaiah 58:6-10; 1 Peter 2:12.*

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