***What did Yahshua Really Say- Part 19?***

**The Day of YHVH is at Hand**

Last week we finished up the teaching on “No More Takinot”. The man made laws of the Pharisees had corrupted the leaders and made it impossible for the people to comply with all their laws. It was a burden they were unable to bear as both Yahshua spoke of and Peter later in Acts. As Yahshua stormed off the Temple Mount he declared that they would not see him again till they say, Baruch Haba HaShem Yahovah…

***Blessed is He who comes in the name of Yahovah.***

Yahshua headed across the Kidron Valley to the Mount of Olives, which overlooks the Old City of Jerusalem. His disciples come to Him and ask Him what the sign of His coming and the end of the World? This is recorded in Matthew 24 but we are going to discuss this a little bit prior to digging into that chapter.

This entire week this has been heavy on my heart as the end of days is both exciting and sobering.

• For those that have made Yahshua their master and become a “Bond Servant” it is exciting times drawing near. Our salvation is almost here and the opportunity to live in the Millennium under the direct rule of our Messiah is almost close enough to taste.

• For those who have either rejected Him or not given themselves to Him fully it will be a time of great distress.

What is going on across the world escapes us here and most turn a blind eye!

Why is it we think that Americans should never suffer or endure hardships? Most generations of Americans have endured hardships to provide us with the peace and safety we “Think” we live under right now.

These are all things we need to discuss as followers of Yahshua and we better start to understand just that is important it is to our life.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9 *1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.*

If we had a copy of this Scroll in Hebrew it would almost assuredly say the times and Moedim or (Feasts of YHVH) as all the Israelites or Jews knew that Messiah would fulfill the Moedim at His coming. This is why Paul says you have no need that I write you. Meaning, you already know all this.

*2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not* ***sleep****, as others do, but let us* ***watch and be sober****. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9* ***For God did not appoint us to wrath****, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Messiah.*

This is the single verse in the whole Bible used to say that we are out of here. before anything goes down.

Everyone knows we will be Raptured eating a Ham dinner at the country club Sunday afternoon after Church……. Right?

The problem is this is not what Paul is writing to the Thessalonians. Appointed to wrath means we are NOT going to heaven and receiving eternal destruction. Those who truly are sold out to Yahshua Messiah and have turned their life over to Him are destined to spend eternity with Him!

My purpose for reading this is found in verse *6 Therefore let us not* ***sleep****, as others do, but let us* ***watch and be sober****.*

**Sleep** = Katheudo 2518 and means: *to sleep, euphemistically to be dead, to yield to sloth and sin, or to be indifferent to one's salvation*

Paul is instructing us to not allow ourselves to yield to sloth and sin or to be indifferent to one’s salvation. We must run the race and endure to the end.

So how can you be indifferent?

1) Do you think that the only thing that matters is the day you said a prayer and slipped up your hand in church? That day was most likely monumental in giving your life to Messiah, but Salvation is given to us at the judgment day when we have been faithful and endured NOT that day in church. That day just signified your willingness to make Messiah your Master!

2) Do you only care about your self. That’s a sure fire way to make you indifferent about your Messiah and what He taught. Yahshua taught that we are to be servants. Servants only care about other people and not themselves. As a bond servant of Messiah you must follow His example.

3) Be indifferent to what your brothers and sisters around the world are going through and the suffering they are enduring. If you think you can bury your head in the sand and await the rapture …… Good Luck with that!

4) Pretend that you don’t need to share your faith. There is no such thing as a closet Christian. If you have an opening in your face between chin and nose you are called to share your faith. At the very least you better be a living example in following the Messiah. We need to walk like Him, act like He acted, and do what He did.

5) Pretend that you don’t need to pay any attention to world events or politics. The Scriptures are how we live our life so we may gain eternity. Politics determine how we live our life here in society. Yet these two subjects are “socially unacceptable” at most gatherings. How pathetic. We must be aware of politics as it is shaping our future and although God is in control, he is not calling us to bury our heads and pretend it is not important.

We know that Paul is speaking to the Bond Servants of Messiah. Coming up in Matthew 24 Yahshua is speaking to His disciples who have become Bond Servants. It is time we find out what a Bond Servant was to see what is actually required of a bond servant. Especially as we are supposed to become a bond servant of Messiah. This is the same word used in Revelation 1:1 where John writes to the **“Servants”** of Yahshua.

Servants = Doulos in Greek Strongs 1401 * a slave, metaph., one who gives himself up to another's will those whose service is used by Messiah in extending and advancing his cause among men, devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests.*

The problem we have in America is that the word Slave is rightly a foul word. If compared with the modern slavery of the last few hundred years it was quite disgusting. It was not this way in Bible times at least not in Israel.

Israelites would often take on slaves for service but it is not the way you think. They did not go raid Arab villages, steal the children and put them to work in sweatshops. Israel’s surrounding countries had done that since their inception but never Torah abiding Israelites.

If people were extremely poor they may sell a child into servant hood because they could not feed them but the Israelites were required to provide for and take care of them well. It was an act of mercy on behalf of the parents to know their child would at least survive. Much like someone gives up a child for adoption knowing they have no way to take care of that child.

The majority of the time, servants were people volunteering their services to a Master in exchange for being provided for physically. Housing and food and clothing and safety were provided to the servants. They were not treated like animals but with dignity.

In fact, every 7 years the Torah required the Israelites to forgive all debt and to release all male slaves. They were free to go and could start their own life. But some of them loved their master and realized that their Master treated them very well. They did not want to leave and instead asked to become a Doulos (A bond servant).

Slaves were purchased, but bond servants were paid. They were like employees but different :-)

They gave up their freedom to do whatever they want in order to do their Masters will instead of their own. The key? OBEDIENCE TO THE MASTER.

The master of the house would bring him before the judges and the servant would declare his desire in front of the witnesses. Then he would lean against a doorpost and the master would run an awl through his ear lobe and put a ring in his ear signifying his servant hood for life to that Master. Why the ear? In Israel the ear always signified hearing, which in Hebrew is Shema. To hear, listen and obey. This is what a servant would have to do. Hear his Master and listen to him and then follow up with obedience.

He would also put a ring on his finger, which was a ring that signified that this servant could conduct business in the “Name of the Master” anywhere he went and did business.

The Master had an obligation to provide for the servant and the servants family if he had one. He clothed him, provided food and shelter and quite often there was monetary gain as well. He was figuratively brought into the Master’s household.

The servant would conduct business as the Master required. He would follow his instructions and he would always have his Master’s interests first. His sole duty was to be about his Master’s business.

The Bond Servant was sold out for life!

This is what is required of you and I if we are to truly follow and believe in Yahshua as our Messiah. We can’t say we believe in Him and not follow what He taught us.

**We must be a sold-out Bond Servant for Yahshua Messiah.**

As a Bond Servant we also must be alert, sober and awake. Not slumbering or indifferent to the world around us. Paul said we bond servants would know when He is coming and understand the times.

**Let’s start reading in Matthew 24**

*Matthew 24:1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "****Do you not see all these things****? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."*

The disciples are trying to lighten the atmosphere after Yahshua’s woes against the Pharisees so they make small talk about the temple and buildings.

*Do you not see all these things?*

Yahshua is telling them to wake up. You need to be discerning the things that are coming. He prophesies about the stones not being left one on another, which was fulfilled about 40 years later and basically, ended their small talk about the Temple and the buildings.

*3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all* *these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences,* *and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.*

• I always thought this meant that in the last days many would come claiming to be the Messiah. But a careful look at the wording in both Greek and Matthew reveals he is really saying *5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I (Yahshua) am the Messiah,' and will deceive many.*

• They acknowledge that Jesus or Yahshua is the messiah but they are false prophets that say they have been called by Jesus to preach then they proceed to throw everything He said out the window. They are everywhere today. And don’t you think that they can’t be nice people. Brother Tom, you are not saying precious brother Billy Bob is a false prophet are you? If His doctrine is not what is in the Scriptures YES, he is a false prophet. No matter how nice he is or how much you like his wife or kids. It does not matter.

If the doctrine does not line up 100% with the Scripture then you have to be very careful. It must line up with the Original Testament first and foremost as this is what Yahshua, Paul, Peter and all the others actually called “Scripture” and it is what they taught. It also better line up with the words of our Messiah Yahshua and what He taught, which also was the Original Testament. He just taught it properly and in it’s original context.

• Wars and rumors of wars! Has this not escalated ten fold in the past decade or two? There are more conflicts among nations than ever before.

• Currently there is major conflict in Mexico with drug kingpins and the government.

• There are four conflicts in South America in Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile.

• There are five conflicts in Europe with the Catholic Protestant fight still alive and well in Northern Ireland among other places.

• There are 18 conflicts in Asia alone and 8 separate conflicts in the Middle East.

• There are 27 separate conflicts in Africa to cap it off. **Wars in the World.com**

Seems the only people not in a war or conflict are the Eskimos but with the upcoming Walrus shortage don’t count on that peace lasting too long.

• The common thread is Islam being responsible for more than half of all these conflicts. Not radical Islam…… just plain Islam. Their faith requires them to be this way. If they follow their book they must be violent.

• We also have severe famines across the globe and the only reason we do not feel it more than we do is because of our great friend Bill Gates and Monsanto, who have graciously agreed to fabricate chemical in the laboratories and sell it as food. It is proven that most if not all of this GMO (genetically modified organisms) is very unhealthy and in fact it goes against the principles of the Torah, which forbid the mixing of seeds.

PS. Bill Gates is also the same guy that thinks we need to eliminate a few billion people to make the planet more sustainable. Just FYI.

**Let’s keep reading.**

*9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.*

Yahshua is talking to His disciples. His doulos or bond servants. We will go through tribulation whether you like it or not.

These are the words of our Messiah here!!!!

*10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because* ***lawlessness*** *will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.*

What could possibly cause Christians to be offended, betray one another and hate one another. What could cause this massive falling away of the Christians. What could cause them to grow cold and give up on their walk with Messiah?

Could it be they all were sold the pre-tribulation rapture and when it does not happen they will be so disillusioned with Christianity that they will fall away hard and fast? It is a strong possibility.

It says here that because lawlessness (Anomia in Greek) which means **Torahlessness in Hebrew** will abound (increase or multiply) the love of many will grow cold. Without the Torah, without God’s perfect instructions we simply don’t have a chance.

• Sounds to me like if you don’t want to grow cold….. you should embrace the Torah here and now. It was always given for our blessing so it is a joy.

*14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. 15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,'* *spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the* ***holy place****" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.*

Therefore when you see the Abomination (a detestable thing of idols and things pertaining to idolatry) that makes desolate……. You better hit the road immediately if you are in Judea. You will not even have time to pack a suitcase so you just hit the road as fast as you can.

This could be “The Anti-Christ” but it could also be the Beast System that comes to make desolate. I just don’t know for certain. But if we read this to mean that the Temple has to be rebuilt we are missing what it really says.

1) The Holy Place in Hebrew Matthew says in the Land of the Holy One. Israel.

Interpreting this as the Temple is reaching for something to prove their own theories.

2) It will be so urgent that they need to leave that very second that they see it. It would be more logical to think that people would see a pagan idolatrous army coming into the land of Israel, the land of the Holy One, and see the urgent need to leave immediately without delay. That is my take on it.

*19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.*

• The nursing part or Winter we understand as this would be extremely challenging to survive in the mountains or the wilderness with an infant or during winter since it gets really cold in the Judean mountains.

• Why state pray your flight be not on the Sabbath?

Obviously the Sabbath is still a law of God and Yahshua is talking to HIS disciples that would never dare throw away one of the most important commandments ever given. The Sabbath is the sign that God himself said he placed upon **HIS children**.

*Exodus 31:13 Speak also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my Sabbaths you shall keep:* ***for it is a sign between me and you*** *throughout your generations (that means forever); that you may know that I am YaHoVaH that does sanctify you.*

The true children of God, the true followers of Yahshua Messiah will still be following the instructions that were given to us in the beginning. The Sabbath was instituted in the very beginning in the Garden and it stands for eternity for ALL who believe in HIM.

Do you think I am harping on the Sabbath a little? Your darn right I am. It is one of the most important instructions we are given and you have to follow HIS instructions to be a bondservant of Yahshua Messiah.

*21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the* ***elect's sake*** *those days will be shortened. 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or 'There!' do not believe it. 24 For false messiahs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the* ***elect****. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.*

Who are the elect? In Greek it is Ekklektos 1588 and means the chosen by God, Christians, appointed by God, choice, select…..

Yahshua is stating here that the Elect will be in the tribulation and in fact they are the reason for cutting the time short.

• If we are chosen by God, His appointed, choice select….. and he gives us a mark that brands us His for eternity and that mark is the Sabbath….. then how important do you think it is to keep the Sabbath and keep it holy?

• We need to be on our guard against false teaching and doctrine that does not line up with the words of our Messiah Yahshua.

1) Yahshua stated not one jot or tittle of the Torah is passed away till heaven and earth are gone.

 Most churches say the Torah is gone and no longer relevant.

2) Yahshua went to all the Feasts of the LORD (YHVH)

 Christians celebrate forbidden pagan holidays and ignore God’s instructed HOLY DAYS.

3) Yahshua honored the Sabbath Day, kept it holy and followed all instructions. Day 7 Saturday.

 Christians say it is Sunday but don’t even follow the instructions for the Sabbath on Sunday.

4) Yahshua taught “Go and sin no more” to many that he healed.

 Christianity teaches it is ok or acceptable to sin because we are covered in grace.

5) Yahshua taught to take care of the poor, widows, orphans and care for each other.

 Christianity teaches mega church buildings, massive salaries, and possible has a few dollars

 To spare to “Tip” God by helping a few poor people after their massive budget is met.

A church in Alabama just recently completed a new building. It is a giant dome on a 134 acres that hosts a adult night club (alcohol and smoke free of course), teen dance club, banquet hall and café, basketball court, bowling alley, fitness center and of course an auditorium. They spent 26 million dollars on this monstrosity for their 6400 members and here is a quote from the head pastor of the church.

 *“****People may not want to come to a church, but they’ll come to a bowling alley****,”* ***“People have needs other than spiritual needs. There’s a need for safe, clean, uplifting, family-oriented entertainment.”***

This is what we have come to. The church of Laodicea is alive and well in the USA and it will only get worse from here on out. The other 6 churches in Revelation are also doing quite well as not everyone falls into the same category of falling short. America has it all and we do it better than anyone else. More mega churches here than anywhere on earth.

As Sound Doctrine gives way to “Ear Tickling”, pagan trees surrounding the altars of our churches every year at the sun god birthday, and a message that makes motivational speakers realize they could have made a lot more money opening a church.

• We have to wake up. We have to change our mindset.

• What is important to God must become what is important to us.

• You need to know what is going on in the world around you.

• You especially need to know how it relates to prophecy and where we are at on God’s prophetic time clock.

*27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. 29* ***"Immediately after the tribulation*** *of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.****30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.***

Why do people not read this part. Our Messiah says in 29 “Immediately after the tribulation”…… then he will come and gather His elect.

When? After the tribulation of those days.

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15 We will be changed at the last trump.

Last = Eschatos 2078 Trump = Salpinx 4536

Last in time or in place, last in a series of places, last in a temporal succession – Trumpet

• So we know that it is the **last or final trumpet**. Why then would we even think we would be taken out before even the first trumpet blew?

*32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it* *is near--at the doors!
34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.*

Our instructions from Yahshua are to be looking for the signs and to know that it is near. Like Paul stated, *But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.* ***1 Thessalonians 5:4***

*36 "But* ***of that day and hour*** *no one knows, not even the angels of heaven,* *but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.* ***42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour*** ***your Lord is coming.***

Verse 36 states *"But* ***of that day and hour*** *no one knows”* – only the Father.

There is only one Holy Day of God that comes on a Day and hour, which no man knows, and that is Yom Teruah or the Feast of Trumpets. It is coming up in 4 weeks and we have a detailed teaching on this starting September 13th so I won’t go into great detail, but suffice it to say the moon is sighted either 29 or 30 days after the previous sighting and no one knows at what time the moon will be sighted so it truly is a day and hour no man knows.

Remarkably even the Jews who do not believe in Yahshua as their Messiah all know that Messiah will return on the Feast of Trumpets in the future. Christians have been in the dark on this but it is time for Believers to come back to their roots and foundation and Worship YaHoVaH His way.

**His Holy Days or Feasts – His Sabbaths – His Torah (Instruction)**

*43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44* ***Therefore you also be ready****, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?
46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,'* *49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and* ***to eat and drink with the drunkards****,
50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Yahshua is simply saying that you need to be about your Father’s business!

• I just want to do a little partying over here and it won’t hurt anything.

• I can sleep around because I have grace covering me.

• Work and college football keep me too busy to read the word of God.

If that is your attitude then he will catch you off guard when he returns. And I would warn you even one step further. You are not promised tomorrow so don’t think the second coming is the only thing that can catch you sleeping.

**We need to be about our Father’s business.**

He continues in Matthew 25 with another similar parable:

*1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.*

This always puzzled me because it appears 10 virgins are going to be married to this bridegroom, at least in this story. In Hebrew it says they went out to meet the Bridegroom (and Bride), which would make these virgins young maidens that were invited to the wedding party. The emphasis and point of the story remain intact however. Be prepared!

Relating to us – we know that we are the bride to the Messiah in the end times and that is exactly what the context of this teaching is all about. It is about the end of days, the rapture at the last trumpet, and Yahshua coming for his bride that is to be a “church without spot or wrinkle”.

Hebrew Matthew also describes the first 5 virgins as lazy fools, which makes more sense. This is a stark contrast to “those that are about their Father’s business”. They were lazy and unprepared. We are to be alert and prepared.

Another parable

*14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.
17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.
19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 24 Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' 26 But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

This parable is rich and has one primary meaning but can be applied to many areas of our life.

**Primary** -Yahshua wants us to be wise and use his resources wisely.

It is a direct command to NOT be lazy or slothful and to be faithful with what He has given you.

**Application can be:** Time, teaching abilities, volunteer work, money, or any resources. That is why you have to be faithful in all of these things.

• Are you a talented singer but refuse to sing in the choir?

• Do you have gifts of helps and know how to encourage people but refuse to get involved with anyone?

• Has God blessed you abundantly financially yet are you stingy toward giving back to Him through the widows, poor and orphans?

If he blesses you with things and you don’t use them wisely they will be taken from you.

• Determine from this day forward to recognize that all you have is His.

**Give Him your best and He will always take care of you.**

*31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?
39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' 41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44 Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

**Feed the hungry**

**Give drink to the thirsty**

**Give clothes to those that have not**

**Help house the homeless**

**Visit those in Prison**

**Visit those who are sick**

• I have fallen miserably short in this list in the past.

We are committed as a fellowship to be doing these things here in Pickens County but have not really started yet. It is too easy to say next year or next month. We need to start right away.

• I challenge each and every one of you to not only make it a priority for yourselves, but hold me and this assembly accountable to do it as a group.

• Volunteer your time. Tell us where your talents and abilities are best suited to be used for His work.

• Let’s commit together to be about our Father’s business.

• We are not promised tomorrow but we do have the present.

• Make your commitment to be about your Fathers business today………

• And tomorrow……. and each day that He gives you until Messiah’s return.

**Lets Close in Prayer**

**Announcements**

\*The new moon for month 6 was sighted in Jerusalem on Wed. Eve Aug 27th.

This means it is a high probability it will be sighted on Thursday evening September 25th making Friday the High Holy Day of Yom Teruah. We will have service planned on Friday at 6:00 pm. If conditions do not allow for the sighting of the moon in Jerusalem we will still plan on meeting this Friday and head up to the Jasper overlook and watch for the moon ourselves.

\*Shofars available for the Feast of Trumpets coming up.

\*On an ongoing basis we will have Tzitzits available for anyone in the congregation that wants them. Shofars and Tzitzits available for donations.

\*Construction on building update.