



“DON’T FALL ASLEEP” PART 3

THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT & THE TARES

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Luke 21:34-36 AMPC

34 But take heed (*heed: pay attention to, listen to*) to yourselves (you do it) and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [*lest*] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;

35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [*be discreet, attentive, and ready*], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things (judgments/punishment) [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

Jesus is speaking to you and I, regarding the Time Of The End or the days prior to the rapture and the events after during the tribulation that we see forming now. This signs are to tip us off, not to cause anxiety but to excite us, to remind us of the rapture of the church, to remind us of judgment, to live righteously, for it is our reward for our obedience. It was through Enoch's habitual righteousness or his habit that he was raptured in Genesis 5.

So, what is happening right now in the church, God's people? The promise to escape these "things" is true, it's just we would rather have it be now? So what we hoped for was to avoid this... Avoid the very things that we need to see, go thru - to a degree in order that we may know that them is near. That time we hoped we wouldn't have to experience is a: spiritually difficult time, an RFID threatened time, an anti-god, baby killing, liberating from the truth government time, a woke pastor and church time. etc...

This is what the bible says in Proverbs 13... wisest man ever - Solomon

Proverbs 13:12 KJV

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick:

What is causing you and I to feel this way, it says hope deferred. We are experiencing feelings and emotions, actual things that are uncomfortable, disturbing, frustrating - it can make the heart sick.

This Time Of the End where Paul said things in the dark - wickedness will be brought out into the light. People in the church and false teaching will be exposed is happening. People in the church are doing “things” that the Bible said is sin and the church is no longer calling it sin - they are deceiving or willfully ignorant to God’s Word. This is part of the shaking that God said He will do.... for you and I.

Here’s instruction from Paul to the End Times church. **Remember, the church at that time thought they missed the rapture, Roman government was against Christians, they ruined their businesses, lives, killed christians, stopped them from worshipping together... does that sound familiar?**

Interesting little bit of info, the (never wrong) Prophet Daniel said that this end Times anti-god or anti-christ government and world (media, education, entertainment, religious organizations) would treat the Christians and the Jews like the romans government did at the time of the NT church - it’s in the Bible.

Ephesians 5:6-17 AMPC

6 Let no one delude and deceive you with empty excuses and groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of rebellion and disobedience.

7 So do not associate or be sharers with them.

11 Take no part in and have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds and enterprises of darkness, but instead [let your lives

14 Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light.

15 Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

16 Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.

This is not “church” as usual... who’s bringing the apple pie and I have a 6 year plan for church growth... nope, the Bible tells us at the time of the end or “The End Times”, we are going to come into a time called the harvest or Harvest Time.

Revelation 14:15 KJV

*15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle (farming tool with a semicircular blade, used for cutting grain, lopping, or trimming), and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; **for the harvest of the earth is ripe.***

Revelation 14:15 AMPC

15 And another angel came out of the temple sanctuary, calling with a mighty voice to Him Who was sitting upon the cloud, Put in Your scythe and reap, for the hour has arrived to gather the harvest, for the earth’s crop is fully ripened.

James tells us...

James 5:7-8 AMPC

7 So be patient, brethren, [as you wait] till the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits expectantly **for the precious harvest from the land**. [See how] he keeps up his patient [vigil] over it until it receives the early and late rains.

8 So you also must be patient. **Establish your hearts [strengthen and confirm them in the final certainty], for the coming of the Lord is very near.**

It's not play time, entertainment time...it's harvest time !

In Part 1 and 2 we started to break down this Parable about the End Time Harvest which is at “The Time Of The End”.

Now, in studying the gospels regarding this “end time harvest” especially the parables in the book of Matthew about the harvest, we are going to study and learn about the ***wheat and the tares***.

Matthew 13:24-30 KJV

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 **But while men slept**, (opposite of awake) his enemy came and sowed tares (or darnel) among the wheat, and went his way.

Matthew 13:24-30 AMPC

24 Another parable He set forth before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 **But while he was sleeping**, his enemy came and sowed also darnel (weeds resembling wheat) among the wheat, and went on his way.

This is what is happening right now, harvest time, God is doing something

Hebrews 12:25-28 AMPC

25 So see to it that you do not reject Him or refuse to listen to and heed Him Who is speaking [to you now]. **For if they [the Israelites] did not escape when they refused to listen and heed Him Who warned and divinely instructed them [here] on earth [revealing with heavenly warnings His will], how much less shall we escape if we reject and turn our backs on Him Who cautions and admonishes [us] from heaven?**

26 Then [at Mount Sinai] His voice shook the earth, but now He has given a promise: **Yet once more I will shake and make tremble not only the earth but also the [starry] heavens.**

27 Now this expression, **Yet once more, indicates the final removal and transformation of all [that can be] shaken—that is, of that which has been created—in order that what cannot be shaken may remain and continue.**

28 Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe;

This is important, God is telling you and I that there will be a shaking that is going to occur again at the Time of the End on earth and also in heaven.... **it is taking place right NOW !**

Is the devil doing the shaking? NO, is the world doing the shaking? **NO, it is God doing the shaking.** So, why is God going to allow there to be this heavy shaking to take place at the time of the end **especially** prior or right before His return.

Mark 14:38 KJV

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. *The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.*

Mark 14:38 AMPC

38 Keep awake and watch and pray [constantly], that you may not enter into temptation; *the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

Luke 21:36 KJV

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, *that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

Luke 21:36 AMPC

36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things *[taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.*

The bible says that while *good men slept* or while the church has been sleeping (they are the ones sewing good seed) the enemy has come in and sown a tare.

Matthew 13:24-30 KJV

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

What is a tare? a tare is one of four types of wheat translated in many translations as *darnel*. It grows in grain fields and grows the same height as the wheat and even looks like wheat till harvest time comes. The rabbi's called it degenerate wheat and in their writings they called it bastard or illegitimate wheat.

It changes colors near harvest time, it looks like everything else around it except when it comes to harvest time, then it begins to change it's appearance.

This is what happens: the head of it begins to turn dark and there are small seeds in the tare that end up getting a fungus in the seed that is poisonous if it gets ground up with the wheat and made into dough or made into flour. The seed from this tare causes sleepiness, convulsions, nausea and death.

In the Bible, the tare represents someone who is not real (bad fruit), someone who claims to know the Lord but, word and deed don't line up and it also includes false teaching (half truths).

Matthew 13:24-30 AMPC

24 Another parable He set forth before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 **But while he was sleeping**, his enemy came and sowed also darnel (weeds resembling wheat) among the wheat, and went on his way.

26 So when the plants sprouted and formed grain, the darnel (weeds) appeared also.

27 And the servants of the owner came to him and said, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then how does it have darnel shoots in it?

28 He replied to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Then do you want us to go and weed them out?

29 But he said, No, lest in gathering the wild wheat (weeds resembling wheat), you root up the [true] wheat along with it.

30 Let them grow together until the harvest; (The shaking will happen) and at harvest time I will say to the reapers, Gather the darnel first and bind it in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my granary.

Born again believers, followers of Christ is who He is warning here - don't fall asleep. Don't get caught up in the worries of this world, don't be anxious, watch and pray at all times so we won't be caught unaware.

This is how it's going to work...In the Old Testament, there are 7 feasts of Israel. Passover, Unleavened breads, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles. In those 7 feasts the bible says in Exodus 23:15-17 there are 3 feasts that all men over 20 are to attend every year.

Exodus 23:14-17 AMPC

14 Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to Me.

15 You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. None shall appear before Me empty-handed.

16 Also you shall keep the Feast of Harvest [Pentecost], [acknowledging] the firstfruits of your toil, of what you sow in the field. And [third] you shall keep the Feast of Ingathering [Booths or Tabernacles] at the end of the year, when you gather in the fruit of your labors from the field.

17 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord God.

The three are the Passover (beginning with the Feast of Unleavened Bread - sabbath to sabbath), Pentecost and Tabernacles.

This is why it is important in understanding God choosing those three. Passover deals with the barley harvest, Pentecost, 50 days later deals with the wheat harvest and when you come to the Feast of the Tabernacles (it is also call the Feast of Ingathering) that deals with the grape harvest.

When harvest time comes... You can plant the seed in the ground - that's great. Watching it grow - that's great, look how pretty and full everything looks - everyone gets excited. But, then comes the not so fun or great thing.

When you have a harvest of barley you have to do three things.
When you have a harvest of wheat you have to do three things.
When you have a harvest of grapes you have to do three things.

Three steps in gathering grains are:

1. Harvesting
2. Threshing
3. Winnowing

Harvesting is when you go into the field itself and separate the actual stalk and grain from out of the field.

This is saying that God in “End Times” that his church needs to come out from thinking like the world system.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 AMPC

14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers [do not make mismatched alliances with them or come under a different yoke with them, inconsistent with your faith]. For what partnership have right living and right standing with God with iniquity and lawlessness? Or how can light have fellowship with darkness?

15 What harmony can there be between Christ and Belial [the devil]? Or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

16 What agreement [can there be between] a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

17 So, come out from among [unbelievers], and separate (sever) yourselves from them, says the Lord, and touch not [any] unclean thing; then I will receive you kindly and treat you with favor,

Let's look at what Peter had to say to the CHURCH/true followers of Jesus Christ about the Time of the End about people in the church...

2 Peter 3:1-6 AMPC

1 Beloved, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,

2 That you should recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).

3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires

4 And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.

5 For they willfully overlook and forget this [fact], that the heavens [came into] existence long ago by the word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by means of water,

6 Through which the world that then [existed] was deluged with water and perished.

So, here's one of the people Peter told us to go read, listen, or take heed, do what he is saying...

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 AMPC

9 I wrote you in my [previous] letter not to associate [closely and habitually] with unchaste (impure) people—

10 Not [meaning of course that you must] altogether shun the immoral people of this world, or the greedy graspers and cheats and thieves or idolaters, since otherwise you would need to get out of the world and human society altogether!

11 But now I write to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of [Christian] brother if he is known to be guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater [whose soul is devoted to any object that usurps the place of God], or is a person with a foul tongue [railing, abusing, reviling, slandering], or is a drunkard or a swindler or a robber. [No] you must not so much as eat with such a person.

12 What [business] of mine is it and what right have I to judge outsiders? Is it not those inside [the church] upon whom you are to pass disciplinary judgment [passing censuring sentence on them as the facts require]?

13 God alone sits in judgment on those who are outside. Drive out that wicked one from among you [expel him from your church].

Do you understand what the Bible is saying? God is saying come out from among the worlds way of doing things and what the world is doing and going and be separate.

The church, people of the church, professing christians are going drinking on the weekend and going to church on Sundays and singing “I have decided to follow Jesus” just like we did this past Sunday... and I wont to turn back.

My father's last Words to me... **I would rather you be holy and money then ungodly with many friends...** this is too long to be wrong - don't let close associations with people who are pulling you away from eternity.... this is God's Word not mine.

So what is going to happen in the harvest to wheat and barley is the owner goes into that field and takes that entire stalk and begins to separate that away from the field. The field represents the worlds system of thinking. God will only have a people with His anointing, His might, His power, His spirit and His word hidden in their heart.

The second things is threshing - all grain (barley and wheat) have a head with a stem. The threshing is when you separate the grain from the stem. Remember the stem is what got you there - it's what helped you to grow.

There are times when you have to separate yourself from what you are familiar with. Elisha, in order to get a double portion, had to say goodbye to his mom and dad, he had to burn his yoke and kill his oxen.

1 Kings 19:19-21 AMPC

19 So Elijah left there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, whose plowing was being done with twelve yoke of oxen, and he drove the twelfth. Elijah crossed over to him and cast his mantle upon him.

20 He left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, Let me kiss my father and mother, and then I will follow you. And he [testing Elisha] said, Go on back. What have I done to you? [Settle it for yourself.]

21 So Elisha went back from him. Then he took a yoke of oxen, slew them, boiled their flesh with the oxen's yoke [as fuel], and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, followed Elijah, and served him.

In order to receive God's anointing he had to separate himself with what he was familiar with.

Sometimes God is going to have to thresh you or separate you from your friends, from the familiar that has you in a rut, it's harvest time and it's time to act and think differently.

It was by faith.... Enoch, Noah, Abraham. When the truly believed, they put action to their faith so they would be saved according to God's Promise.

Thirdly there is the winnowing which is when you separate the grain itself from the chaff - the chaff is the outer husk.

Once you take the wheat or barley from the field - separating ourselves from this world's way of doing and thinking and coming to God is the first thing.

Then, the stem - the thing that got us there, the familiar is what we need to separate from next, in order for God to take us places - under His anointing - fresh anointing.

Then there has to be a separating of the chaff, this third thing is the chaff or the junk in your life. You can't eat wheat with a chaff. You can't cook wheat with a chaff. You can't digest it, it will make you sick.

There are two things that they do in winnowing. They take a pitch fork made out of wood and they stab that wheat or barley and toss it up in the air and the wind would blow. When it was exposed to the wind it would blow away the chaff and the wheat or barley would fall to the ground.

So, what does it take to blow the chaff or junk off of you? The bible says in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost...

Acts 2:1-4 KJV

*1 **And when the day of Pentecost** was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

*2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing **mighty wind**, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

That mighty wind was the power and anointing of the holy spirit and all that little junk that is here, there and everywhere gets blown away. But look what happened next... this is what happens next when we separate ourselves from that rut, that old way of living and thinking, those old friends who were once ok for us but now, it's Time to Prepare for eternity....

Acts 2:16-17 KJV

16 But **this is that** which was spoken by the (never wrong) **prophet Joel**;

17 And **it shall come to pass in the last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: **and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams**:

Jesus said in John 16... telling His disciples what it would like look prior to the rapture of the church, during the Tribulation so they would know the signs of the rapture, that they would need the holy spirit and here's why...

John 16:8-13 KJV

8 And when he (the Holy Spirit) is come, he will reprove the world of **sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment**:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: **and he will shew you things to come**.

The holy spirit will give people the vision, to see things (the Word, things that were already spoken) come into focus and they will identify - THIS IS THAT spoken of by.....

John 16:8-13 AMPC

8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me];

10 About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer;

11 About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him.

12 I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now.

*13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you **the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].***

I hope you are excited today after hearing God's Word... His instruction about how to get ready, how to navigate what is happening in the church right now.... we will pick this back up next week right where we left off - Don't Fall Asleep, stay awake, stay alert - I will see you here, there, or in the air !