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The Rapture And Me – Will I Be Going? Minister R. Thomas Lambur

The Pre-Tribulation Rapture And False Security /Non-Lordship

Old Testament Patterns -Types – Metaphors And Similes

Hos. 12:10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

1Corin. 10:6 Now these things were our examples...

1Corin 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

The Apostle Paul understood the examples given in the Old Testament for our understanding of the things the Lord is doing in the present and future seasons.

A Future Glimpse Given Of The Rapture Of The Church

Isaiah 26:19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Notice here, the resurrection of the dead ‘in Christ.’ The dew represented as the Holy Spirit rests upon and resurrects. ‘The earth shall cast out her dead’ reflects what the Apostle Paul told us in Thessalonians 4:16 & 17 about the dead being risen up first and then we which remain will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Verse 20 of Isaiah 26 shows the Lord’s own entering through the door into heaven and His removing of His people from earth as He closes the door toward those who are coming under judgment in the seven year tribulation.

Rev. 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Who’s Going In The Rapture?

Matt. 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

The five foolish represent those who call themselves believers who are unfaithful to seek Him daily and who are not devoted to His intimate fellowship.

Matt. 25:3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them.

The foolish or unfaithful are not daily filling themselves with the fresh oil of the Holy Spirit. In an intimate relationship with the Lord a person will continue to receive a fresh anointing and rekindling of their personal faith.

Matt. 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

At the time of the rapture when the faithful are ascending into heaven... those unfaithful to the Lord which have not been devoted to this daily fellowship, will desire to be caught up with Him also but will be seen unto the Lord as those who have broken off their engagement to Him.

2Corin. 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused (engaged) you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Jas 4:5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

Every true believer in Christ has been given the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit that is indwelling us is jealous over us with a Godly jealousy that we be given in devotion to Him daily and that we be in a state of continual communion and intimacy with the Lord at the time of the rapture of His church.

1Thess. 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The work of the Holy Spirit and the Lord's keeping and persevering power can only operate through our sensitivity to walk intimately toward the Lord's Spirit and word; else without the filter of His word and His prompting witness working in our heart, we couldn't be cleansed by His truth, walking in His way and being found "BLAMELESS."

The Faithful and Devoted Vs. False Security

The testimony of living faith reveals true intimacy with God and is a life in which Jesus is living His life through us. When Jesus says abide in me and I in you, that means just that. A living faith with our Lord means a life whereby we are living in harmony and not disobedience with the Lord's word and where He is fulfilling His word in us who are given over to Him in devotion through His Spirit's enablement. The inner living faith which we see coming through our times spent with Him is really an assurance to our heart that we are in Him and He in us.

1Jn. 3:19-20 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us (speaking of the conscience), God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things (speaking of the Holy Spirit who convict us of our sins and brings us to repentance).

2Corin. 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith(living in a right relationship with the Lord and in harmony with the Lord's Word, having a pure conscience before Him); prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you (in a current right relationship under His Lordship), except ye be reprobates? (to those who are not by living faith walking in a close relationship with Him)

The Religious Making Claims As Being Intimate With The Lord

Matt. 7:21-22 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Lk. 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord (indicating claims to His Lordship in their lives without true obedience to what He commanded of them), and do not the things which I say?

These did good works but not God works and had no ongoing intimate relationship with the Lord, but rather embraced religion and a twisted form of *Eternal Security*. Notice the Scripture below in Hebrews 12:6-9 which corrects the false view and reveals the true view of *Eternal Security* by including the placement of the person *under* or *in submission to Jesus' Lordship*. As Christians we are told we have been bought with a price and that we are not our own, nor are we to do as we please but we are to follow Him fully and with all our heart. Under the Lord's Kingdom we are the Lord's subjects. Lordship means He is our King and Master and we are His subjects, in subjection to Him. This means submitting ourselves to the Lord so He might have His rule and reign in our lives. True salvation, which is deliverance and freedom, can only come to us when we place our lives under His Lordship. It is there under His Lordship that is the only place of freedom... where the Spirit of liberty sets us and keeps us free from the bondage of Satan, the flesh, or reverting back to our old ways under the sin nature, and the lusts and wrong desires that entrap this fallen world. Again, there is no freedom in this present world outside of true salvation which includes His Lordship in our lives.

1Jn. 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth (corrects under His Lordship), and scourgeth every son (adopted son of God) whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening (correction), God dealeth with you as with sons (as sons of God); for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without (if you refuse) chastisement (correction by Him), whereof all are partakers (the Lord corrects all that are truly His own), then are ye bastards

(illegitimate – those who are making false claims), and not sons (not true sons of God).

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live (Live Eternally)?

The word *Reverence*, then, as seen in the verse above, means *being in subjection unto*, and would be someone who is *yielding* their life to the Lord, *under Lordship* and being *in subjection* to the fellowship of *His Lordship through* His word and His Holy Spirit. Notice the claims (that they are truly Christian) of sonship are made by them who are not subject unto His Lordship...The Lord disowns those who make such claims upon *Eternal Security* without His Lordship in their lives.

Jn. 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him...

Notice here the substance of *Eternal Life* being brought into us through the means of His Holy Spirit.

Jn 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee (intimately) the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Jesus calls *Eternal Life* the living and vital substance which passes through us. (the branch) By abiding in Him, (the Vine) we both know Him personally and have His life pass into us.

Jn. 6:53-58 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. (reference to rapture) For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. (the living eternal bread)

This scripture confirms that those failing to abide in Him, who is our life, forfeit being taken in the rapture.

Eternal life here is taught as feasting upon the Lord's Spirit and word in the statement "**He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood, dwells in me and I in Him,**" and further, "**so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.**" (because He is *Eternal Life* speaking of the *Eternal Life* given in conjunction with our continual ongoing intimate relationship with Him).

Matt. 25:8-13 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us

and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The believers who are faithfully walking in a present intimate relationship with Jesus at the time of the rapture are told here that they will be kept from the tribulation. The others who have been unfaithful and have been living outside of this type of relationship with the Lord.....who have listened to a perverted message on eternal security *twisted into a false security*, will be left on earth to try their faith and prove them faithful by now having the sentence of death upon their heads. How many of these who are left behind will be overthrown in their thinking in the assumption that they were destined to be taken and will shake their fist in blaming God? How many who have trusted in a false security message, failing to abide in Him, will be reprov'd and see their error on that day and be turned to live in a vital union with the Lord to the end, until His second coming?

Lk. 13:23-28 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house *is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door,* saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves *thrust out.*

Matt. 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life (Eternal), and few there be that find it.

The twisted teaching on *Eternal Security* will cause many to *fail and become unfaithful, living out of their own lusts and wrong desires against the Lord's word and Spirit, doing evil in His sight.* This is *the broad way* that leads to destruction. The twisted teaching on *Eternal Security omits the Lordship of Jesus Christ* in one's salvation experience producing an experience which causes *spiritual harm (grieving the Holy Spirit whereby we are sealed, searing one's conscience toward hearing the promptings and checks in our spirit by the Holy Spirit) and damage to personal living faith.* This spiritual damage assessed especially includes this disconnection with *the ongoing intimacy* with the Holy Spirit whereby we are kept in salvation by the placement of ourselves under Lordship of Christ for ones *Eternal Security.* True *Eternal Security* can only come to us by a full and complete surrender to His

Lordship and a sincere accepting of His yoke upon us in a day to day living faith. Being under the Lordship of Jesus is the only way to truly have *His Assurance* and *Eternal Security*.

1Jn. 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments (God's Words) *dwelleth in him, and he in him.* And *hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.*

1Jn. 2:24 Let that therefore *abide in you,* which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall *remain in you,* ye also shall *continue in the Son, and in the Father.*

Rom. 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

1Jn. 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God *hath the witness in himself* (the inward witness of the Holy Spirit telling us *our current spiritual status*)

While there certainly is a true teaching on *Eternal Security*, there is a false security message from *another Jesus* taught by *another spirit*, after *another message* coming from those who promise you *freedom* while bringing you back into bondage through the flesh. Many will be surprised on the day of the rapture that they didn't make it! They made a good start in their beliefs *at the first*, knowing and experiencing *the intimacy* of their 'First Love' in a union with Christ; but because they *did not abide, remain, and continue* to walk in a current *right* relationship, corresponding with the Holy Spirit in their *conscience*, but had rather chosen to listen and follow those who *twisted* the message of the Lord's Grace and reinforced and justified their *wayward desires and lusts*, these have had stolen from them what had previously been planted in their heart from the beginning, that union of intimacy with Jesus the Vine and source of Life Eternal... Now after the rapture these have become *shut out of heaven* and *shut in for the remainder of a seven year tribulation period*. These same will be pressured to renounce their first beliefs in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord... They who made their start well, who knew Him as Savior in the beginning, yet *diminished and divorced* themselves by way of their own lusts from their intimacy of His Lordship in their lives. These will now face the consequences of taking the mark or being martyred for *a faith that has been made renewed*. If you are a person who is in this spiritual condition right now, why not take this opportunity to renew your faith in a right relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ?

Thy Chamber - Heaven And The Marriage Supper Of The Lamb

Jn. 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

All Jewish brides hear this statement and know that once they are engaged the groom will prepare a place where the two of them will live together, their home after they are wed.

Here, Jesus is speaking of the marriage of Himself to the church, the futuristic rapture that will take place. The groom will return and find His devoted watching bride, the church, having signified her faithfulness by placing a lamp in her window and going to bed with her wedding gown each evening. Again this oil lamp which is lit represents our individual devotion and intimacy before His return.

She (the church) devotedly awaits the announcement that wakes her...

Matt. 25:6 Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

They which have been espoused to Him and who are showing Him their devotion through their intimacy with Him are those who are raptured.

In Isaiah 26:21 we see the Lord's fierce judgment coming upon the inhabitants due to their *rejection* of His Son and their *lust* for sin. At this point, the Bible indicates *an unraveling, chaos, disorder, and stress* upon the world and those in the tribulation like never before. Sin and sinners are now destroying themselves as the world is eaten up through this evil period of time.

2Thess. 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

Afterward the rapture the restraining force of the Holy Spirit in the church is taken out of the way for the period of the tribulation.

Zeph. 2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

Ps 27:5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Enoch's Devotion And Intimacy With The Lord – Caught Away!

Gen. 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Here we learn of Enoch's walk with the Lord. His devotion toward the Lord was a walk where he daily sought God and His Spirit... conversing, listening, and renewing his mind into the very mind of Christ by the Spirit of Christ.

1Pet. 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them (in the Old Testament Prophets) did signify

The depths of this walk with the Lord were such an intimacy, so immense, that our Lord took him or caught him away. The Old Testament pattern here of Enoch

being taken before the flood is a type of those who are in Christ being taken out of this world before the tribulation comes.

1Thess. 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and (((so shall we ever be with the Lord.)))

The catching away of the true church of Jesus Christ is nearer than ever before... I tingle with just the thoughts of being with our Lord Jesus. He is going to, in one single moment, crack the sky, and all those devoted to Him and waiting upon Him will be in a 1/10 of a millisecond translated from here to meet Him in the air.....disappearing from view....missing for seven years.....only to return with Him the conquering King upon His Second Coming.

“Maranatha” – Come Lord Jesus Soon!

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Discussion Time -

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