

Revelation 20:1-6 and Luke 19:11-27
Future Things: The Coming King and Kingdom Stewardship
 (pt. 2)

INTRO: The blessings of peace, prosperity, and freedom can also become spiritual hinderances-
how so? (Note Matthew 6:33 & Col. 3:1-4)

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In effort to help us understand Revelation 20 with greater precision, let us first consider
4 Central Affirmations of Jesus Concerning the Forthcoming Kingdom of God.

I) When the Messianic King Comes, He Will Establish the Kingdom-- just _____

(Luke 19:11-27)

Outline of Luke 19:11-27

1) **Kingdom Confusion** *(Luke 19:11)*

2) **Kingdom** _____ (*Luke 19:12; Psalm 110:1f*)

3) **Kingdom** _____ (*Luke 19:13-19*)

Let us Strive to be a Faithful Kingdom Steward of the “Five T’s”

i) Our _____ (*Eph. 5:16; Proverbs 6:11; Eccl. 3:1-13*)

ii) Our _____ (*2 Cor. 8-9; Mt. 6:19-21; 1 Tim. 6:10-11; Luke 6:38; Mk 10:24*)

iii) Our _____ (*1 Pet. 4:10-11; Prov. 3:9; Luke 16:10; 1 Cor. 4:7; Hag. 2:8*)

iv) Our _____ (*Matt. 12:33-36; Prov. 18:21*)

v) And _____ (*1 Tim. 3:15; 2 Tim. 1:13-15; Luke 16:1-12*)

4) **Kingdom** _____ (*Luke 19:17, 19*)

5) **Kingdom** _____ (*Luke 19:20-27*)

For Further Reflection/Application: *We must be doers of the Word and not merely hearers*

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One of the most important and prominent themes in Scripture is the Kingdom of God. How much do you know about it? (note Rev. 20:4-6 and my sermon from two weeks ago where we surveyed the Kingdom of God from Acts 1:3 all the way to 28:30-31).

How important of a theme was the Kingdom to Jesus and the early church/Apostles? How important is this biblical doctrine today in the contemporary church?

Is this going to be a practical series? *“The kingdom of God is not just an interesting academic pursuit. It is intensely personal and practical. It is the basis of our hope and the solution to everything wrong in the world! Every frustration, fear, and doubt can be answered by the kingdom of God.”* Michael Vlach.

Should we be concerned that it’s been 2000 years and King Jesus has STILL not returned? (note today’s exposition of Luke 19:11-27- see also Acts 1:9-11, and 2 Peter 3)

Why were the disciples confused when the Messiah (Jesus) did not establish his earthly kingdom (note 2 Samuel 7, Luke 1)?

The Old Testament is full of *Promises Made* (note covenant passages like Gen. 12, 15, 22; 2 Sam. 7; Jer. 31:31-34; Ezk. 37). The New Testament is full of *Promises Kept* (note passages like Luke 1:31-32; Rom. 11:26-27; Rev. 19-22).

One cannot understand the full weight of Revelation 20 without having some understanding of the Davidic Covenant (note the 4 sermons on LCBC’s website on 2 Sam. 7/Psalm 89).

The Messiah (Jesus) is the center of God’s Kingdom Program (hence Col. 1:15-20; Rev. 20-22)!

What Is a Steward? *“In Bible times, because of limited means of travel, men who owned much property would often be gone from their land for long periods of time. In their absence, they would appoint one of their servants to manage the business. This person was responsible for his master’s household and was to consistently manage it just as the householder would if he were there. This important position was described as a steward. As Christians, God has called us “stewards.” We do not choose to become stewards, we are stewards! The question is, ‘What kind of steward are you?’”*

Study 1 Corinthians 4 this week to bolster your understanding of Kingdom Stewardship.

Which of the 5 T’s of Faithful Kingdom Stewardship do you need to work on the most this summer? Write down 4 things that you need to change, start doing, stop doing, etc to put feet to your faith this summer.

We are called to be faithful stewards of our time, our treasure, our talents, our tongues, and the truth (see notes page 3 to review related Scripture passages).

Faithful Kingdom Stewardship and Prudent Planning are both commended (Luke 14:28-30).

For Further Reflection/Application: *continued...*

The parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30) should not be confused with the parable of the minas (Luke 19:11-27). From these parables we discover three marks of a non-Christian: Unbelieving, Unfaithful, and Unprepared.

“God’s *kingdom* program is the outworking of His eternal and unconditional *covenants*.” (Dwight Pentecost). Go back over your sermon notes from Genesis 12 and 15, 2 Samuel 7, and Hosea 3 which unpack the Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants. These messages are also available on our website www.lakecountrybible.org

“Universal blessing to the nations (Rev. 5) do not negate particular blessings to the nation Israel (Gen. 12:1-3; Romans 11:26)” (Vlach). “The inclusion of redeemed nations in God’s covenants and promises does not mean the forfeiture of Israel’s specific promises.” Many things in theology are both/and rather than either/or.

Related Praise Songs: *Theology fuels Doxology! We dig deeply in order that we may go high!*

Take My Life and Let It Be-

Jesus Shall Reign O’er All the Earth- Keith and Kristyn Getty

The Sands of Time Are Sinking- see Capital Hill Baptist Church

Is He Worthy? Andrew Peterson

Lion and Lamb- Shane and Shane

The Lord’s Prayer- Grace Community Church

Related Biblical Texts: *Search the Scriptures to see if these things be so.*

Daniel 2, 7; Isaiah 65:17-25; Amos 9:11-15; Zechariah 12-14; Matthew 19:28; 23:37-39; 24:9-29; Luke 21:31; Acts 1:1-8; Romans 11; 1 Cor. 4; 1 Thess. 5:1-4; 2 Thess. 2; Revelation 19-22

Related Theological Terms:

Millennium- The millennium is the reign of Christ for one thousand years on the earth following his second coming (Psalm 96:13; 110:1-7; Isaiah 9:6-7, 11:1-12:6; Dan. 2:44; Rev. 19:11-20:10).

Tribulation- The tribulation period (Rev. 6-19) precedes the 2nd Coming of King Jesus. It will last for 7 years and will be a time of great wickedness under the delusion of the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and Satan.

Related Resources: *Dig more deeply into the theology and doctrine of Scripture.*

Parables: The Mysteries of God’s Kingdom Revealed Through the Stories Jesus Told- John MacArthur
Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secrets of Joyful Giving- Randy Alcorn

Amillennialism & the Age to Come: A Premillennial Critique of the Two-Age Model- Matt Waymeyer