

THE TRUE GOSPEL
100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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GOD WILL GIVE HIS KINGDOM TO A LITTLE FLOCK

Luk 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you **THE KINGDOM**.

Luk 12:33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

Luk 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Luk 12:35 Let your loins be girded about, and [your] lights burning;

Luk 12:36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

Luk 12:37 Blessed [are] those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

Luk 12:38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find [them] so, blessed are those servants.

Luk 12:39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

Luk 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Luk 12:41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

Luk 12:42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom [his] lord shall make ruler over his household, to give [them their] portion of meat in due season?

Luk 12:43 Blessed [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Luk 12:44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

Luk 12:45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

Luk 12:46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

Luk 12:47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not [himself], neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many [stripes].

Luk 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few [stripes]. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Note: Here God says he will give his Kingdom to a 'little flock'. There is no explanation of this term in the context of these scriptures. Does this mean that hardly anyone will be saved?

On the one hand we know that God does not want anyone to be lost.

* Mat 18:12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

Mat 18:13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that [sheep], than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

Mat 18:14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

But on the other hand there is indication that eternal life is very difficult to attain.

* Luk 13:23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Luk 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Luk 13:25 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:

Luk 13:26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

Luk 13:27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all [ye] workers of iniquity.

In Revelation there is a vision of 144,000 called 'firstfruits' standing on Mt Zion with the Lord when he returns. These are said to be virgins and follow the Lord wherever he goes.

* Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

Rev 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Then there is another vision of a great multitude that no man can number standing before the throne of God.

* Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

These are two groups of people who are saved. The 'little flock' spoken of here in Luke must be the 144,000 who will receive eternal life in the first resurrection when the Lord returns and stands on Mt. Zion. These are represented by the harvest of the Feast of Firstfruits or Pentecost that takes place in the beginning of the year. The great multitude that no man can number will be in the second resurrection and are represented by the harvest of the Feast of Tabernacles or Feast of Ingathering that takes place at the end of the year.

Here are the principles that Jesus gave his 'little flock' to whom he will give the Kingdom when he comes.

1.

Sell what you have and give alms. This shows the Lord that our heart is on him, not on worldly gain. It shows a heart of going over and above keeping God's commandments to become perfect as explained in Note # 31. (Luk 12:33-34)

2.

"Let your loins be girded about" means

* Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

"And your lights burning" means:

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Luk 12:35)

3.

The remaining scriptures have to do with watching for the Lord's coming and preparing ourselves so that we will be ready. This tells us Jesus must be talking to the 'little flock' who will be in the first resurrection since he is already on earth when the second resurrection takes place after the thousand years and there is no need at that time of watching for his return.

Also Christians waiting for the first resurrection must not fall into the error of mistreating fellow Christians or getting involved in the worldly pleasures.

Notice the promises that the Lord gives to those who are ready when he comes. He will make them to sit down to meat and will serve them. He will make them rulers over his household to give them meat in due season. But those who are not prepared will be beaten proportionate to their knowledge of what was required of them. (Luk 12:36-48)