

‘The Mystery of God’s Kingdom’

(Matthew 13:24 - 25)

Intro: As I stated earlier when we began this series, we would be looking at Memorials, Mysteries signs and Sacrifices, etc. And here we are beginning the next several weeks, looking at a number of ‘mysteries’ from the Word of God.

A mystery in the Scriptures is nothing more than a biblical truth that was unknown (hidden) in the Old Testament, but revealed in the New Testament. Another way of stating this is to say that certain truths (not all truths), were enfolded in the Old Testament and unfolded in the New Testament.

These mysteries are of great importance and doctrinal significance as they are meant to govern the Christian life. Therefore, the mysteries are actually things that have been revealed through the New Testament and need to become a part of our Christian life.

Our first mystery is:

I. The mystery of God’s _____ – Matthew 13:24 – 25.

A. This kingdom mention here is in reference to the _____ of heaven upon earth through the person of Jesus Christ.

1. It was this kingdom that was offered during Christ’s earthly ministry, how ever it was _____ because the Jews rejected Christ.

2. This is in reference to the Millennial Kingdom in which the postponement is to follow the end of the Tribulation and the _____ of the nations. **Matthew 24:31 – 25:30.**

a. The _____ – **Matthew 24:3.**

b. The _____ – **Matthew 24:4 – 22.**

c. The _____ – **Matthew 24:32 – 25:30.**

(1). Parable of the fig tree- **Matthew 24:32 – 36.**

(2). Parable of the ten virgins – **Matthew 25:1 – 13.**

(3). Parable of the talents- **Matthew 25:14 – 30.**

3. **Revelation 3:10** – the promise of the Believer’s _____ (“keep thee from”) [Ex]

a. “Keep” – future/active/indicative.

b. “from” – out of, from.

4. The Tribulation over & the Millennium underway, the Millennium will be a mix of _____ and _____. So, why is this?

- a. The believers from the age of grace will enter into the Millennium with those saved coming out of the Tribulation & will be present in this earthly kingdom.
- b. The redeemed of the Lord saved in the church age will _____ with Christ.

II Timothy 2:12 & Romans 8:15 – 19.

- c. Those saved in the Tribulation will be able to have _____ who will be as today's children and will either come to a saving faith in Christ or be rebellious.

5. This is the kingdom in which the _____ of heaven upon earth is through the person of Jesus Christ. Those rules by which the Christian life is to be governed.

B. God has a second kingdom that is referred to as the Kingdom of _____ – **Mark 4:11- 12.**

1. The difference being the kingdom of heaven here is this is God's kingdom covering _____ of God's creation from earth to limitless space and time.

2. Here we see it is the _____ of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Redeemed of the Lord.

3. **Luke 17:20 – 21**, God's kingdom is _____ the Redeemed.

4. This the _____ of God Himself setting up His principles and His place of residence within the life of the Redeemed through the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

a. **II Corinthians 5:17** – it is here _____ us that God intends to establish His principles, to establish the rule of heaven to transform the Redeemed into the image of Christ.

b. The old you and me has been so _____ affected by the world and our sin nature that our thinking and rationale have to be replaced with heaven's best.

c. And that requires a _____ (as to quality or contrasted with that which is decayed), one may think of this as a new platform that as one matures spiritually, they are able to have their minds transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

d. It is the nature of God Himself being _____ in the heart of the Redeemed – Romans 12:1 – 3.

(1). Verse 1 – a willingness to fully yield our lives to God & His will.

(2). Verse 2 – a divine change by renewing the way we think, the way we reason under the divine influence which God exerts via the Holy Spirit and His Word.

C. So what is the mystery pertaining to this kingdom?

1. The Old Testament Jews were continually looking forward to having a literal ruling king that would conquer the world.

2. What they did not know was that such a king would also establish a kingdom within them and rule from the throne of our heart. **Mark 1:15**, not a literal kingdom but God's kingdom within the human heart was what Christ was offering.