

LEFT BEHIND AT THE RAPTURE

"The saddest words of tongue or pen are the gripping words, it could have been." The multitude that suddenly realizes that Jesus Christ has raptured the Bride and that they are "left behind" will experience an utter feeling of hopelessness. Despair and gloom will be so shattering that great numbers of men and women will commit suicide. Millions of knowledgeable people that knew the Bible well, but rejected "the love of the truth" (II Thessalonians 2.10), will immediately experience the complete withdrawal of Holy Ghost conviction. Instantly, they will know that they are damned to spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. Millions of others that rejected Truth will be so deluded that they will actually worship the new false Christ.

Evil of the darkest form is presently held behind the omnipresent wall of the Holy Ghost. The devil and his cohorts are working; they are deceiving, creating havoc, and spreading diseases of every description. The level of their activities is great but they are still limited. Just as soon as the Rapture occurs, this wall of restraint will be gone. If you are sickened by the vulgarity that pervades the world now, please know that the present is mild compared to the future. Laws against anyone with moral outrage will soon protect sodomy in public. There will be no restraints against sin.

Multitudes will be heard screaming in fear and dismay, "I could have gone in the Rapture if I would have listened to the call." The last echoes of those confused about the Rapture and the coming baptism of filth will have faded. The days for debate will be over. The whole world will be divided between the lovers of the new "christ" and the great company of those left behind who are now ready to be martyred for Jesus Christ. The countdown to Armageddon will begin. Preachers that were deceived by the One World Religion will lead the armies that are determined to establish the kingdom of their god (the false god) on earth. The crusades of the past, which were led by Jesuit priests, will pale compared to this brutal onslaught for the "New Inclusive Religion."

Preachers and leaders that would not hear the truth about the Pre-tribulation Rapture, but hated those of us that preached and taught that truth, will now know how wrong they were. Jesus will only Rapture those saints of God and Bride-ready believers looking for Him. The Word of God is plain, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (Hebrews 9:28) If you are not looking for Him and longing for Him with great passion, do not expect Him to come for you. Apostle Paul wrote to Titus and encouraged him by declaring, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:13-14)

Can you imagine the anger of careless souls that were taken in by the vicious haters of the Biblical Rapture before the great Seven Years of Wrath? The Rapture haters that I deal with on the radio, the internet, and in person are not even kind about this debate. The spirit that motivates them to fight against this hope is extremely loud and dark. In almost every case, they are also anti-Semitic and have an equal desire to trash everything and everyone that is Jewish. A great company of previous lovers of the Pre-tribulation Rapture has been affected

by these confused souls. I believe there will be such anger against these deceivers that it will be like war between many of those "left behind."

Multitudes "Left Behind"

I do not believe that most ministers and Bible teachers have any conception of the millions that are within "Christian" ranks who are going to be "left behind." The cheap grace that is presently being preached is scary to consider. Sin has been so coddled by this generation that "Raptured Saints" in most minds are nothing but a conglomerate of a mixed multitude. Why don't we consider what the Lord Jesus and the Holy Ghost-filled writers of the Holy Bible said? Grace never covers sin; grace cleanses sin, and this one statement is the answer. Every soul that has been cleansed from sin, preserved by His sanctification, and kept by the Holy Ghost will be gone in a single moment.

Jesus told beautiful parables about the Bride and the coming of the Bridegroom. He stated, *"And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how earnest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen."* (Matthew 22:11-14)

How can we doubt the clear requirement for a pure Bride dressed in the white garments of holiness? This Bride is made up of the unspotted company of totally dedicated saints that have forsaken all to follow Jesus. He goes even further in a latter parable in Matthew's Gospel. His words are shattering. *"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 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."* (Matthew 25:1-13) There will be no place in this great Rapture for those that are lukewarm and without the oil and fire of the Spirit.

There are not two Bridegrooms, two Brides, or two Kingdoms in the Kingdom of God. Those that try to remove these great parables from the study of the Rapture are sadly confused. While I am a Biblical dispensationalist, I am not a hyperdispensationalist. The Bible is written as a simple book. We do not need to be a Greek or Hebrew scholar to know and interpret this great Book. Just take the Bible literally and let each truth interpret itself. If He says Bride or Bridegroom, He is talking about the Bride and Bridegroom. Dispute that at your own peril.

The Promises To The Raptured Saints

These seven letters give us the perfect picture of all that awaits the Bride of Christ. Jesus

plainly promised this incredible future to us by His Spirit, speaking through Apostle Paul. The Spirit said, *"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."* (I Corinthians 2:9-10) There is no doubt that this is referring to the seven letters and promises given in Revelation Two and Three. Our future is heavenly if we are willing to forsake all and follow Him. Remember what Jesus with His own lips said, *"And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."* (Mark 10:29-30)

Let me show you that all seven promises are a part of the Bride's future. The Bride of Christ is the highest of all eternal rewards. The city of New Jerusalem is prepared for the Bride so that her adornment may be for her Bridegroom. *"And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."* (Revelation 21:2) Those that are saved but not part of the Bride shall enjoy the city, even glory in the city, and bring their honor to the city; but it is not their eternal home.

John said, *"And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it."* (Revelation 21:24-26)

Left Behind

It's up to you. "Irresistible Grace" is a doctrine of the Calvinist, but it certainly flies to the wind in these seven letters from the Lord to His church. There is no less than forty-four words in these short letters that cry out for you to "be faithful," have "patience," "repent" "hold fast," "faint not," and to be an "overcomer." You cannot have rewards for your faithfulness unless that faithfulness is out of your heart. God is not a robot and He did not create us to be robots. You can be fully committed and He is fully faithful to crown your commitment with grace.

Jesus uttered some of His most powerful words as recorded by Luke. The Lord said, *"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 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 21:34-36) Jesus was concerned that you would miss this Hope. If you are "left behind," it will be the greatest loss of your existence. Give up this world. Sell all that you have to purchase the "Pearl of Great Price." The Son of God was speaking not only of Himself, but also of the eternal promise of being His Bride when He spoke of this "Pearl of Great Price." He has called, but only a few will be the chosen. What is your decision? His Bride is without spot or blemish and she will soon be caught away. Malachi recorded words from the Bridegroom when he said, *"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels..."* (Malachi 3:17a)