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Things Which Must Shortly Come to Pass, Rewards of the Kingdom, The

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(Matthew 25:14-30)

The rewards of the Kingdom determine our place, not in heaven, but in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ, that is, in the Kingdom in display.

Heaven is connected with sovereignty, and the grace of God. The title to it is not in ourselves, but in the grace of God on the righteous basis of the work of Christ. All believers have equal entrance. “The Kingdom of Heaven” has to do with responsibility and government, with our conduct down here, which receives its due reward or otherwise at the hands of the King.

Of course the Church will sit with Christ on His throne as His Bride, the nearest and most exalted position, but in our individual responsibility we meet our just deserts, whether of praise or blame, in the coming Kingdom.

What an incentive to holy living and earnest service!

Things Which Must Shortly Come to Pass, Parable of the Ten Virgins, The

(Matt. 25:1-13)

The ten virgins represent the whole mass of professing Christendom, the Kingdom of heaven at the present moment. Five have no oil, mere professors; five have oil in their vessels with their lamps, and are not only professors, but true professors, possessors indeed.

They all, awakened by the midnight cry, go forth to meet the Bridegroom. Only the five wise go in to the marriage. They do not go in as representing the Church, but as true and faithful believers. The marriage, too, is connected with Messiah and Israel, the joy of the Lord in gaining His earthly Bride. The whole parable has an earthly setting, in keeping with the whole teaching as to “the Kingdom of Heaven.”