An exposition of Jesus' life meant for young and old, to clarify the deeper meaning of the Messiah.

In the previous part; Part 5, we have extensively discussed about humility, goodness, mercy and justice, and what Jesus meant with 'being no part of the world'.

But for Christians, there are other qualities needed to protect themselves:

NKJV (Ephesians 6: 13-17) 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

To be able to quench these fiery darts with the shield of faith, we first must recognize these darts.

What comes to us through newspapers and media does not always have to be based on truth. According to Professor Peter Phillips, Professor of Sociology, Ph.D., University of California: 'Eighty percent of all the news stories in the newspaper or corporate media are being funneled through a public relations propaganda firm, either government- or a private-firm. That's a study that we worked on.' (https://youtu.be/xiN9EznSoTc)

These news reports are then distributed around the world by e.g. Reuters or Associated-Press. Here, potential interests (or a secret agenda) play in the background, such as the interests of the mighty war industry or the financial industry.

Theme: The theme of this writing will be about Jesus' important teaching concerning the promised Kingdom, the Divine Peace Kingdom with a righteous government.

The current kingdoms and the shadowy role of their secret services

Secret services and their armies actually form a state within the state without democratic control. After all, everything is covered by state secrecy.

Great Britain, the US and European allies were united in NATO in 1949.

By the end of the 40's, after the 2nd World War, 'stay behind' armies were founded throughout Europe.

The UK secret service MI-6 was the initiator of the (clandestine) resistance organizations in Europe, especially the service SOE (Special Operations Executive).

Initially, these armies were intended for the communist threat of Russia.

Later it appeared that these 'stay behind' armies in 15 European countries had lists of people who had to be killed in an occupation by the Russians.

These secret armies had their own name for each country, in Italy this army was called 'Gladio'.



Gladio means sword.

All 'stay-behind' armies together fell later under the denominator 'Gladio Network'. For NATO, Italy was strategically important as a blockade for the communist influence. Italy had a lot of people who had sympathies for communism during that period, and that did not work out well for the secret services CIA and MI-6 (and thus NATO).

The task of the secret army then changed drastically and was since then also used against their own people. First there were a number of bombings without dead's in Italy.

But in 1969 followed the bomb close to the bank in Milan (Piazza Fontana), where 17 innocent people were killed and 88 people (heavy) injured. After that, it kept continuing. Between 1968 and 1974, 140 attacks were carried out in Italy.

The goal was to force domestic unrest, the strategy of sowing fear.

According to researchers, Italy's secret service obscured evidence and sabotaged the investigation of the suspects, a 'cover-up' action. The attacks in Italy have never been resolved.

By revealing journalism, premier Andreotti of Italy was forced to confirm the Gladio network and revealed that 'stay behind' armies were also established in the rest of the European countries.

The revelation of the 'stay behind' armies by Andreotti caused great fuss, because the terrorist attacks in Italy could largely be linked to the Gladio network.

There was a lot of indignation and the 'stay behind' armies became a major European scandal, also because there had been inexplicable terrorist actions in both Germany and Belgium. Secret services are, according to researchers, worldwide still operational with their questionable procedures and methods.

Sometimes it seems, as if they want to touch the people emotional in fear and terror, with the intention of introducing solutions that, under normal circumstances, would never be accepted:

NKJV (Ephesians 5: 11-13) 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

According to Daniel, God will establish an eternal Kingdom in replace for all the present kingdoms:

NKJV (Daniel 2:44) 44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

This said the angel Gabriel to Mary about the promised Messiah (means anointed one):

NKJV (Luke 1: 30-33) 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

In His days, Jesus frequently told about the solution of all the governmental injustices and talked about a heavenly Kingdom, a Theocracy, a Kingdom of peace.

But what is a Theocracy?

'Theos' means God, and 'kratia' means ruling, combined 'reign of God'.

A Theocracy is thus a state form based on Divine governance.

The King is here of Divine descent.

The King's Law's Book must be a Law Book with righteous principles, a holy Law Book. For Christians this is the Bible.

In a Theocracy, faith and state are no longer divided, which gives limitations to unbelievers.

Adam and Eve had in Paradise the tree of life at their disposal that could heal them and who could restore the aging to eternity. (Genesis 3: 22-23)

This will be exactly the same on the 'new earth', the tree of life will there be available for faithful people, the tree whose leaves are for curing:

NKJV (Revelation 22: 1,2) 1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

However, on the 'new earth', only those may enter into the New Jerusalem, who are written in the Lamb's book of Life, only they are allowed to use the leaves that cure:

NKJV (Revelation 21:27) 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or cause an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Godless people will no longer be welcome in the New Jerusalem. There on the new earth, with their second chance, there is no further salvation possible and their end will come by age or illness.

Another example of theocracy is Islam, whereby the governance - according to the Mesopotamian god Allah - is applied as sharia (Islamic law of god). With a human governance.

Unfortunately, on behalf of this theocracy, much innocent human blood must flow on the altar of the god Allah. In addition, women - in Islamic theocracy - are severely restricted in their rights and freedoms.

The promised Messiah and his Kingdom in the Old Testament

NKJV (Genesis 22:18) 18 In <u>your seed</u> all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

NKJV (Genesis 49:10) 10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from

between his feet, <u>Until Shiloh comes</u>; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people. **NKJV** (Deuteronomy 18:15) 15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you <u>a Prophet like me from your midst</u>, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

NKJV (1 Chronicles 17: 11-15) 11 And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. 13 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from him who was before you. 14 And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever. 15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

NKJV (Psalm 2: 7-9) 7 "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, <u>'You are My</u> <u>Son,</u> Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

NKJV (Psalm 110: 1) 1 The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." (see also Matthew 22: 41-46)

NKJV (Isaiah 9: 2,6-7) 1 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; 6 For unto us a Child is born, <u>Unto us a Son is given</u>; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever.

NKJV (Isaiah 11: 1-2,10) 1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And <u>a</u> <u>Branch shall grow out of his roots</u>. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord....... 10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him,"... (see also Romans 15:12) **NKJV** (Jeremiah 23: 5) 5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David <u>a Branch of righteousness</u>; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

NKJV (Daniel 7: 13-14) 13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed. NKJV (Mica 5: 2) 2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrata, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

NKJV (Zechariah 9: 9) 9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. (see also Matthew 21: 1-11, John 12: 12-19)

A promise to the Jews for a Kingdom of Priests

With the descendants of Jacob, a beginning was made for a new Kingdom:

NKJV (Exodus 19: 5-6) 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

The children of Jacob (Israel), the son of Isaac, were in Scripture called the elect and chosen:

NKJV (Deuteronomy 4:37) 37 And because He loved your fathers, therefore He <u>chose their</u> <u>descendants after them</u>; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power,

NKJV (Deuteronomy 10:15) 15 The Lord delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day.

NKJV (1 Chronicles 16:13) 13 O seed of Israel His servant, You children of Jacob, <u>His</u> chosen ones!

NKJV (Psalms 105: 6) 6 O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, <u>His chosen</u> ones!

NKJV (Psalms 105: 43) 43 He brought out His people with joy, <u>His chosen ones</u> with gladness.

NKJV (Isaiah 49: 7) 7 "Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the Lord who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You."

NKJV (Isaiah 65: 9) 9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, And from Judah an heir of My mountains; My elect shall inherit it, And My servants shall dwell there.

NKJV (Acts 13:17) 17 The God of this people Israel <u>chose our fathers</u>, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it.

But not 'all' Jews were chosen in Jesus' days as priests and kings:

NKJV (John 15:16) 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

NKJV (Acts 10:41) 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

NKJV (1 Peter 2: 9) 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Who then belongs to Abraham's chosen descendants?

NKJV (Galatians 3: 26-29) 26 For <u>you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus</u>. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 <u>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.</u>

NKJV (Romans 9: 7-8) 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." 8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

So a number of non-Jews (Gentiles) also belong to the elect.

A group of 144,000 sanctified (with Holy Spirit) are 'elect' according to Scripture, with the privilege of ruling with Jesus as kings and priests in God's Kingdom:

NKJV (Revelation 5:10) 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

NKJV (Luke 22: 29-30) 29 And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one

upon Me, 30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

NKJV (Revelation 7: 4) 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. <u>One hundred and forty-four thousands</u> of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

NKJV (Revelation 20: 6) 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Proclamation by Jesus of the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven

After Jesus had come in the world as representative King, Jesus used the announcement that the Kingdom of heaven had come near:

NKJV (Matthew 4:17) 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

NKJV (Matthew 12:28) 28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

NKJV (Luke 10: 9) 9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Jesus spoke to the Jews by parables, with a reason:

NKJV (Matthew 13: 10-14) 10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" 11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive;

Who will inherit the Kingdom?

NKJV (Luke 6:20) 20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.

The parable of the sower and the explanation of the parable:

NKJV (Matthew 13: 3-9) 3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

NKJV (Matthew 13: 19-23) 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this

is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Blessed are the poor in spirit and those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake:

NKJV (Matthew 5: 1-3,10) 1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.... 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Keep praying for God's Kingdom to come:

NKJV (Matthew 6: 9-13) 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 11

Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Do not let the Kingdom be taken away by being concerned:

NKJV (Luke 12: 22-34) 22 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. 23 Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? 25 And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 26 If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? 29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

There are Gentiles who will inherit the Kingdom and many Jews, sons of the Kingdom, who will not inherit it:

NKJV (Matthew 8: 5-8,11-12) 5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only

speak a word, and my servant will be healed......11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Kingdom is like a mustard seed:

NKJV (Matthew 13: 31-32) 31 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, 32 which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

The Kingdom is like a treasure in the field or pearl of great value:

NKJV (Matthew 13: 44-46) 44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The parable of sowing the seed and the harvest:

NKJV (Mark 4: 26-29) 26 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, 27 and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. 28 For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

The workers in the vineyard who have difficulty with their reward:

NKJV (Matthew 20: 1-16) 1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' 8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' 9 And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. 10 But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. 11 And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' 13 But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

We must not allow anything to hold us off inheriting the Kingdom:

NKJV (Mark 9:47) 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire, **NKJV** (Luke 9:60) 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."

NKJV (Luke 9:62) 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

NKJV (Mark 10: 14-15) 14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

Peter receives the symbolic keys of the Kingdom:

NKJV (Matthew 16:19) 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Preaching the Kingdom means also explaining, where heirs must comply with:

NKJV (Luke 16: 16-18) 16 "The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. 17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail. 18 "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery.

Not everyone will inherit the Kingdom

NKJV (Matthew 7: 21-23) 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

The parable of the tares between the wheat and the explanation of the parable:

NKJV (Matthew 13: 24-30,36-43) 24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."............ 36 And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." 37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy

who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

The out sorting of the bad fish:

NKJV (Matthew 13: 47-52) 47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Love of money inhibits people from entering the Kingdom:

NKJV (Matthew 19: 16-22) 16 Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" 17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

NKJV (Mark 10: 23-25) 23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

The bad and the good vinedressers:

NKJV (Matthew 21: 33-41) 33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34 Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. 35 And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. 37 Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' 39 So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" 41 They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

The five wise and five foolish virgins:

NKJV (Matthew 25: 1-13) 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Bear fruit in anticipation of the Second Coming of the King:

NKJV (Luke 19: 11-27) 11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said: A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' 15 And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' 19 Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.' 20 Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. 21 For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' 22 And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' 24 "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' 25 (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') 26 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 27 But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me."

Paul described the inheritance of the Kingdom once this way:

NKJV (1 Corinthians 6: 9-10) 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

NKJV (Ephesians 5: 5) 5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Not everyone 'wants' to inherit the Kingdom:

NKJV (Matthew 22: 2-10) 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding." '5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. 7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' 10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When does the Kingdom of God come?

NKJV (Luke 17: 20-21) 20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; 21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

NKJV (Acts 1: 6-8) 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Jesus will be King Priest to the order of Melchizedek

The kingdom of Melchizedek, the king priest of Salem, was with his kingdom a prophetic image of with the coming Messianic Kingdom:

NKJV (Genesis 14: 17-18) 17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him. 18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

NKJV (Psalm 110: 4) 4 The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

NKJV (Hebrews 7: 1-3,17) 1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually....... 17 For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

The scepter or staff of the righteous Kingdom:

NKJV (Hebrews 1: 6-9) 6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." 7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." 8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

Finally:

In the book Job, God (YHWH) comforts Job in his tribulation, gives him courage and emphasizes to him, that He is the Almighty God, the righteous Creator:

NKJV (Job 38: 4-7) 4 Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

It is our Almighty God who promised us the Kingdom where Jesus frequently spoke about. Peter and James and John received a preview of the Messianic Kingdom:

NKJV (Matthew 16:28) 28 Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom." (see also Matthew 17: 1-8)

There is however a condition for inheriting the Kingdom; that is out of conviction being baptized:

NKJV (John 3: 1-5) 1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

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Who, just like Jesus, has given all for the Kingdom of God will be blessed:

NKJV (Luke 18: 28-30) 28 Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You." 29 So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

Till here this part about Jesus important education concerning the promised Kingdom. In the next part - Jesus the promised Messiah part 7 - we will continue with Jesus' description of the last days and what that will hold for us.

P.S. On the site 'Disciples of Jesus Christ' there are more substantive Christian articles.