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Who will be Raptured? The answer will likely surprise you. It surprised me!

In light of Sister Choo's Urgent Message posted on Feb. 17 2009, we, as the Body of Christ, need to be like the Bereans and examine all messages to see if it's scriptural (Acts 17:11).

A little bit of background about myself: I first read "Heaven is so real" in 2004 and had the privilege of corresponding with Sister Choo Thomas thorough emails. I later had the privilege of setting up her website (choothomas.com) and helped her make a short video. From 2005 onwards, I've met Choo and her husband Roger on three separate occasions and maintained regular contact with her via email and telephone conversations. I've been a Christian since 1992 and I must say that Sister Choo is the most God fearing and obedient Christian I've ever met, by far. No one I've met even comes close to her in these last two points and I believe this is why the Lord Jesus has chosen her for His end time work.

Before Sister Choo released her Feb. 17th Urgent Message, she had already told me by phone that "God said not too many Christians will be raptured and whoever does get raptured will have to stand before the judgment seat." (2 Corinthians 5:10) She also said "Even after we are raptured not too many Christians will enter His Kingdom." Her last point shocked me and when she told me on the phone about this, I was in denial and said to myself, "maybe I didn't hear her properly" or "maybe it was her English and she meant to say something else". I suspect I'm not the only one who did this.

When Sister Choo released her Feb. 17th Urgent Message and it reiterated her point that after rapture not all believers will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, I could no longer be in denial of the meaning of her message - what she wrote on her urgent message is exactly what I heard her say on the phone. Therefore I had no choice but to look into scripture and see if her message is consistent with the Word of God, the Bible. No message or messenger is above Acts 17:11.

Interesting enough, when I went to seek God for understanding, it was not specifically related to who will be raptured, but when (the signs) and understanding the book of revelations. It was on the morning of March 7th 2009 that the Lord gave me understanding of Sister Choo's message (praise God!) and I was stunned for the remainder of that day.

For the longest time, I held the belief that the good Christians will be raptured and the not so good ones will be left behind, but there were some scriptures that didn't fit this scenario. Below are some examples:

1. Parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13).

Matthew 25:1-13 (The Parable of the Ten Virgins)

1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Interpretation:

The Bible often refers the church as "a chaste virgin to Christ." (2Cor 11:2) or a "bride to Christ" (Matt. 9:15). The Ten

Virgins represent the Church and her meeting the bridegroom represents Jesus' rapture of His church, for the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb." (Rev. 19:7-10). In vs5 we see that the bridegroom was delayed. I believe Jesus has delayed the rapture of His church because His bride was not ready for Him! The wise virgins had their lamps burning, being the Light of the World (Matt. 5:14). Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness" (John 8:12). The five foolish virgins in vs4 were in darkness at the time of the rapture and thus cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. They were not given a second chance (ie. to enter God's Kingdom via going through the great tribulation).

Luke 12:35-47 (The Faithful and Evil Servant)

35 "Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour." 41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing. 44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 45 But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will punish him, and put him with the unfaithful. 47 And that servant who knew his master's will, but did not make ready or act according to his will, shall receive a severe beating.

Interpretation

The above verses refer to each church member as "be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast" vs36. This is referring to the rapture because of vs46. Jesus expects His followers to be faithful and walk according to His commandments vs42-43. Jesus did not die for us so that we can live in sin (Heb. 10:26). When Jesus returns for His church (rapture), and finds any member living in certain unrepentant sins (there are certain sins God will not tolerate, Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Cor. 6: 9-11), those disobedient Christians will be cast outside of the kingdom and be punished even more severely than an unbeliever vs46-47.

Mark 13:32-37 (No One Knows That Day or Hour)

32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35 Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— 36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Interpretation:

Mark 13:32-37 is basically a summary of Luke 12:35-47.

Matthew 24:36-44 (No One Knows That Day and Hour)

36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two men will

be in the field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. 42Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Interpretation:

Jesus is talking about the rapture. vs36,vs42, and vs44. The rapture will take place before the great tribulation because of vs37-38. This is because once the world is in the great tribulation, I don't think the world's inhabitants will be doing much partying or marrying. vs40 describes in more detail what the rapture will be like; a sudden disappearing of believers, not mentioning if these were faithful believers in the Lord or not. Again, this implies that the spiritual state of those raptured believers is not known. This is why Jesus said "you also MUST be ready" vs44 because there will be no second chances for disobedient Christians to enter His Kingdom after they are raptured.

In summary, the scriptures that have been presented so far pertain to the rapture of the Church. Those who are raptured will be judged. Based on this judgement, some Christians will enter into the Kingdom, some will be outside of the Kingdom. This is because the disobedient Christians have had their names blotted out from the lamb's book of life (Rev. 3:5). Contrary to what some may believe, Jesus doesn't blot our names from the book of life every time we sin and put our names back on when we repent. He only blots unrepentant Christians from the "Book of Life" once, and that is on judgment day. This is why He says WE MUST BE READY!

Based on my study of the Bible, I now know that Sister Choo's Feb. 17 Urgent Message on The Rapture, specifically says that some of those who are raptured may not be able to enter into God's kingdom is entirely biblical. She also mentions that "not too many Christians will be raptured," because it's all up to us to be raptured and enter into God's kingdom. We all must be ready and waiting. (Luke 21:34-38)

At the time of her writing, I don't believe Sister Choo understood the theological ramifications of her urgent message, but was just saying what the Lord Jesus Christ told her to say. When I looked into the scriptures, I realized that what she said is what the Bible has been saying to us all along! Whoever is raptured will stand in His judgement, some will enter into His Kingdom, some will be outside the Kingdom. This is why Jesus said "YOU ALSO MUST BE READY." Matt. 24:44

God bless you all!

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