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# The Kingdom of Heaven

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When the Son of Man  
shall come in His glory,  
and all the holy angels with Him,  
then shall He sit  
upon the throne of His glory.  
And before Him  
shall be gathered all nations.  
Then shall the King  
say unto them on His right hand,  
'Come, ye blessed of my Father,  
inherit the Kingdom  
prepared for you  
from the foundation of the world.'  
For I was an hungered,  
and ye gave me meat.  
I was thirsty,  
and ye gave me drink.  
I was a stranger,  
and ye took me in.  
Naked, and ye clothed me.  
I was sick, and ye visited me.  
I was in prison,  
and ye came unto me.  
Lord, when did I see  
thee sick or in prison?  
I've never fed thee  
or gave thee drink, Master.  
Neither have I, Lord.  
I have never beheld  
thy face until now.  
Verily I say unto you,  
inasmuch as ye have done it  
unto one of the least of these,  
ye have done it unto me.  
Did you hear?  
Did you hear?  
Oh, quiet!  
Surely, this man is wise.  
I knew you'd think so.  
Didn't I tell you, David?  
How can you call him wise?!  
He's done nothing but  
tell silly stories...  
sowers, seeds, mustard trees!

It's nonsense!  
Maybe...  
maybe he wants us to discover  
the meaning for ourselves.  
Or... or maybe not.  
No, it's true.  
His stories have a hidden meaning...  
the secrets of  
the Kingdom of Heaven.  
If the secrets of the Kingdom  
of Heaven are to be taught,  
they will be taught by a Rabbi.  
Shhh, quiet now.  
Jesus is ready to preach.  
He who hath ears to hear,  
let him hear.  
The Kingdom of Heaven is likened  
unto a man who planted  
a field of wheat.  
But while he and  
his servants slept  
his enemy came and scattered  
bad seeds among the wheat,  
then went on his way.  
And it came to pass that  
when the wheat came forth,  
there appeared tares also.  
I don't know how this  
could have happened, sir.  
We planted good seeds.  
I know we did.  
It's not your fault, my friend.  
An enemy has done this.  
I'll pull up the tares, sir.  
No.  
When you pull up the tares, you  
may damage the wheat as well.  
Let them grow together  
until the harvest.  
And at that time,  
I will say to the reapers,  
'Gather the tares together and  
tie them in bundles to burn them.  
Then gather the wheat, bind them together,

and store them into my barn.

I see! I see! The wheat are the  
good people and the tares are...

Now you understand this nonsense as well?

I think I do.... I...

Well, I thought I did.

Don't you?

This man teaches blasphemy and wickedness!

Beware, all of you!

Come, Jeremiah!

I said, we're leaving, Jeremiah!

Come now, or you will be shut  
out of the synagogue forever!

I'm coming. I'm coming.

You didn't actually want to stay, did you?

Of course not! It was just  
so nice to be outside, that's all....

The fresh air and all.

He who hath ears to hear,  
let him hear.

Again, the Kingdom of Heaven  
is like unto a merchant man,  
seeking goodly pearls.

( song)

All that I have, I'll sell all that I have  
to hold in my hand the pearl.

Nothing I have can compare with the prize  
when I hold in my hand the pearl.

Brighter than sun, clearer than glass,  
dearer than gold... the pearl.

Kingdom of God, it's the Kingdom of God,  
it's life with my Lord... the pearl.

All that I have is ashes, is earth,  
now that I've seen the pearl.

And I will not rest; I cannot be content  
'til at last it is mine, forever to shine,  
the Kingdom of God... the pearl.

Let me gather everything I own,  
all that in this dreary world I've known.  
Pleasures and possessions now I bring...  
trade them for one single shining thing.

All that I have is ashes, is earth,  
now that I've seen the pearl.

And I will not rest, I cannot be content

'til at last it is mine, forever to shine,  
the Kingdom of God... the pearl. ( end song)  
I... I must be going.  
But, David, He's not finished.  
I don't want to hear anymore.  
David, what's wrong?  
Give up all I have?!  
That's what He's saying.  
That I must give up  
everything and follow Him!  
David, you know He  
teaches the truth.  
I have worked too hard, Sarah.  
It's taken ten long years.  
My work... my work is my life!  
Is it worth more  
than the Kingdom of Heaven?  
... for many are called,  
but few are chosen.  
I... I can't.  
He who hath ears to hear,  
let him hear.  
Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven  
be likened unto ten maidens,  
five of them were wise,  
and five were foolish.  
So what, Leah.  
So we forgot oil for our lamps.  
It doesn't matter!  
I don't know why you  
made us bring them anyhow.  
We don't need them  
in the broad daylight!  
I told you,  
sometimes the bridegroom  
doesn't arrive until very late.  
' 'Sometimes.' '  
You worry too much, Leah.  
It'll be all right.  
We'll leave for the  
wedding at sundown.  
Sundown?  
That's a bit late, isn't it?  
I want to make sure that everyone

has a chance to get there.  
Well, you needn't worry  
about that, Judah.  
The entire city is waiting to  
accompany you to the wedding.  
Do you think we  
could have missed him?  
How could we have?  
We've been here all day.  
I don't know about you,  
but I'm getting some rest!  
Wake us up when he arrives, Leah.  
Master Judah arrives!  
Master Judah arrives!  
Fall in line  
for the wedding party!  
Master Judah arrives!  
Fall in line for the wedding  
party! Master Judah arrives...  
Look!  
He's here!  
Fall in line  
for the wedding party!  
Fall in line!  
Master Judah arrives!  
Master Judah arrives...  
Fall in line  
for the wedding party...  
Master Judah arrives!  
Master Judah arrives!  
Fall in line for the wedding party!  
Fall in line for the wedding party!  
Master Judah arrives!  
Master Judah arrives!  
Fall in line for the wedding party!  
Master Judah arrives!  
Master... Judah arrives...  
Master... Judah... arrives  
Fall in line for the wedding party.  
Master Judah arrives.  
Fall in line for the wedding party.  
Oh, we've been around this part of  
the city several times, Judah, sir.  
Are you sure everyone's

had a chance to hear?  
I should think so!  
I... I don't want  
to leave anyone behind.  
Master Judah arrives!  
Oh, no, no, no, no, no!  
We've given ample warning.  
Alright, then.  
Now on to the wedding.  
Master Judah arrives! Fall in  
line for the wedding party!  
Master Judah arrives!  
He's arrived!  
Quick, the wedding  
party is passing!  
Wait! Wait for us!  
Come here!  
Give us some of your oil! We can't see!  
But, then we'll all run out.  
Leah, hurry up! Come here!  
I'm sorry, Simone.  
I want to help you, but...  
but if we don't leave now,  
we'll all miss the wedding.  
We'll knock on these doors!  
Try to buy some! Hurry!  
Let us begin.  
Oh God, we come before thee...  
Judah... Judah!  
Who calls?  
Your friends! Your friends?!  
Do I know you? Hold up your lamps  
so I can see your faces.  
Well, we have no oil.  
Our light has gone out.  
If you are my friends, why didn't  
you come when I called?  
Come Judah, it's time to begin.  
I'm... I'm sorry, I know you not.  
Watch therefore, for ye know  
neither the day nor the hour  
wherein the Son of Man cometh.  
Come again tomorrow.  
You can hear Jesus teach then.

Master, why do you speak  
to the people in parables?  
Wouldn't it be easier to teach them plainly?  
To you it is given to know  
the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven,  
but to them it is not given.  
Don't you want them to understand, Lord?  
Yes, but their ears are dull,  
and their eyes are closed.  
But blessed are your eyes and ears,  
for they see and hear.  
The parable of the sower, Master.  
There's something I don't understand.  
Come.  
Sit next to me.  
Behold, a sower went forth to sow.  
And when he sowed,  
some seeds fell by the wayside.  
I know that you are the sower, Lord,  
and that the seeds are the word of God.  
But what does this mean,  
seeds falling by the wayside?  
When anyone hears the word of God  
but refuses to understand it  
then the evil one comes  
and takes away that  
which was sown in his heart.  
This is he who received  
the seed by the wayside.  
But he who receives the seed  
into a stony place  
hears the word of God with joy at first,  
but when the heat of persecution rises,  
his faith dies, and he falls away,  
because the seed has no root in his heart.  
He that received the seed among  
thorns is he that heareth the word,  
but the cares of this world  
and the deceitfulness of riches  
chokes the word, and he becomes unfruitful.  
But one who receives  
the seed into good ground,  
that person hears the word  
and understands it, and also bears fruit



some thirty, some sixty,  
some an hundred fold.  
So shall it be at the end of the world.  
The King shall say unto  
them on His right hand,  
'Come ye blessed of my Father,  
inherit the Kingdom prepared for you  
from the foundation of the world.'