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## **Episode 20 - Treasures in the Field**

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What is the message being given when the trumpets sound? What is the everlasting gospel spoken of in Revelation 14:6? A radical change of mind for the salvation of your soul.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to the KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi. This is Scott Stanley, exploring the deep things of God in the Book of Revelation. In our last podcast, we were looking at the sounding of the first two trumpets. Before we continue looking at the symbols in the trumpets, I want to talk a little bit about the message being given.

In Revelation 14, starting at verse 6 through 11, three angels are flying in the midst of heaven, giving the everlasting gospel to those who dwell on the earth. This is key because when you say the everlasting gospel, this is the only gospel there ever was- this is the gospel. Therefore, I have to believe that what I read in the trumpets is what is

being spoken by the church. The people of God sounding those trumpets have to be giving a message very similar to what we're reading in Revelation 14. Just to quickly glance over it, you have a message in verse 7 of fearing God, and then Babylon falls.

Then what happens to you if you continue worshiping the beast? Now, maybe there are things in here we haven't covered yet, but first of all, I want to focus on what does he mean by "*Fear God and give glory to him*" in Revelation 14:7? Again, this is the everlasting gospel.

Rev 14:7 ... Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: ...

If you'll turn with me to Philippians chapter 2, we've all read this how many times, starting at verse 10.

Php 2:10 That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Php 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

That is the part that needs to be understood. If you're going to bow the knee to Jesus and confess Jesus is Lord, it should be done to the glory of God the Father, according to Philippians 2:10-11. What you're seeing in this message in Revelation 14, "*Fear God and give glory to him*" ... Well, anything you attribute to Christ, of what he did, what he accomplished, gives glory to God the Father. Again, if you're going to bow the knee to Christ, you do it to the glory of the Father.

But you see, that is not what we see happening in the universal churches. The churches that are in apostasy have Christ born with a halo over his head, and they continue their Trinity god of the Son of God, or they would say "God the Son," becoming a man. In many churches I was in, they never really gave glory to God the Father through Jesus. They glorified Jesus. I can remember them saying, "Jesus is Lord," and the Father, you might go Sunday after Sunday after Sunday and never hear anything about the Father. Yet the whole concept of salvation was the Father's idea.

The fact that Jesus is Lord and Christ, according to Acts 2:36, God made him so. Well, Jesus is the fullness of the godhead bodily. *"It pleased the Father,"* Colossians 1:19, *"that the fullness be in him."* If you're going to bow the knee and confess Jesus, it's all to the glory of God.

Now, I want you to look at Titus, chapter 3, verse 5. Let me include verse 4 in this.

Tit 3:4 But after the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Now, at one time in my life, I would have read that and said, "Well, is God our Savior, the Father or the Son or what?" Well, let's keep reading.

Tit 3:4 After the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of Holy Spirit;

Tit 3:6 Which he shed on us through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

So, obviously, in Titus 3:4, you're talking about the Father, and he shed on you Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Savior. That is how Jesus was our Savior. He carried the understanding of the Father... how the Father perceives humanity, what will save humanity, and how to die to self. See, the Holy Spirit is all in that painted picture of the cross. When he says *"he saved us by the washing of regeneration,"* that would be better phrased as *"of the washing, the regeneration."* The regeneration is the washing.

What is regeneration? Well, one of my Bible dictionaries or thesauruses calls this regeneration "a radical change of mind for the better." It's a radical change of mind. Now the people giving or sounding the trumpets have received the washing, the regeneration. They have received a radical change of mind, and that is what they're preaching in the trumpets. *"Fear God."* If you're going to fear God and glorify him, then you bow the knee to Jesus Christ and confess Christ as Lord to the glory of the Father. That is how you're going to glorify God. That is how you're going to show respect and love to God.

This word "regeneration" is used again in Matthew chapter 19. I'm going to turn over there because Christ makes the statement, in Matthew 19:28,

Mat 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That you which have followed me, in this radical change of mind (this radical change of thinking), you which have followed me in the regeneration (when the Son of man shall fulfill Psalms 110:1), the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ...

Now remember, we're looking at a radical change of mind. Look at what he says.

Mat 19:28 ... You also (he's talking to the apostles) shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Well, the twelve tribes of Israel are those who wrote the Bible, and the apostles, taking instruction from Christ, gave explanations to the Old Testament. They judged the Bible. They judged the 12 tribes of Israel, and they wrote what we refer to as the New Testament, as they were inspired by the risen Savior. They judged the twelve tribes of Israel following Christ into this radical change of understanding, and we have the New Testament. We have the Book of Revelation, and we are following the apostles.

If you don't agree with the apostles, then you will not be saved, because when you look at the holy city, the Holy Spirit, the wall around that city has twelve foundations, which are the names of the apostles. The apostles who were inspired to write the New Testament were experiencing a radical change of mind.

Now, I want to play off of this because let's just look at the way Matthew 19 is set up. It just so happens that Matthew 19 seems to go along with what we're reading in Revelation in the first, second, and third angels' messages. If you'll look, Matthew 19, verse 16.

Mat 19:16 Behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

Mat 19:17 And he said unto him, Why are you calling me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: and if you'll enter into life, keep the commandments.

What did he just say? There is none good but one... God. He just told you there's one God. In fact, if I took the word "good," there are none good but one, and I just took one

of the o's out of it, there is no God but one. God, the Father. *Fear God. Give glory to him* through Jesus (Rev 14:7). See, he has given you the Godhead message right there.

Mat 19:17 ... There is none good but one God. If you will enter into life, keep his commandments.

Well, we know now his commandments are to love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Now, notice what he says in verse 18.

Mat 19:18 He said unto him, Which commandments do I keep? Jesus said, Don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't bear false witness,

Mat 19:19 Honour your father and mother: and love your neighbour as yourself.

Everything he said was to love your neighbor as yourself. He never touched on don't make an idol, don't have another god, keep the Sabbath. He never did that. Why? Because Galatians 5:14. You should write that right beside Matthew 19:19.

Gal 5:14 Love your neighbor as yourself. That fulfills all of the law.

So he says in verse 17, *"There's one God, and you fulfill all the law in loving your neighbor."* Now listen to me. Once you understand that, you know that has to be what is being given in those trumpets. If you're going to give a message about God, wouldn't you give an explanation of love and what it means to serve God in love? The two greatest commandments, to love God and love your neighbor... How do I love God? I love God by loving my neighbor. That's how it works. So all of the law is fulfilled in one concept: Love your neighbor as yourself.

This has to be what is being given in those trumpets. *"Fear God. Give glory to him."* Right there, God is love, and I am going to explain Jesus Christ to the glory of love, to the glory of the Father. *The hour of his judgment has come. See, Fear God.* It's time to get off the fence and make a dedicated move to serve God. This is the message being given.

Now, we're going to be getting back to those trumpets, and I'm going to be explaining them. But you've got to understand what they're talking about, what is being said. So look back, Matthew 19, verse 20.

Mat 19:20 The young man (the rich young ruler) said unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what do I lack?

Mat 19:21 Jesus said, Well, if you're going to be complete, if you're going to be perfect, go sell that you have, and give to the poor, ...

Now, I used to read that and I took that literally. Well, you know he's got a lot of stuff he needs to sell and give all of his goods away. That isn't what Christ is saying.

For this young man to say, *"I've done that from my youth up,"* he was rich in his own understanding. To ask Jesus Christ, *"What must I do to be saved?"* showed he didn't understand salvation. He says, *"Go love your neighbor."* ... *"Well, I've been doing that all my life."* See, he was rich in his own understanding. So when Christ says *"go sell,"* another word for "sell," if I took it back to the Hebrew, it would be "to surrender."

Go surrender what you have. Go surrender your own understanding. Go surrender that, and what you have left, give to the poor, because what you have left will be the kingdom of God. *"Go surrender your own understanding, and then give to those who are poor in spirit, and you'll have treasure in heaven, and come follow me."*

Another picture of this is in Matthew 13, verse 44.

Mat 13:44 Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a treasure hid in a field; the which when a man finds it, he hides it, for joy he goes and surrenders all that he has, and buys that field.

What does he mean by *"treasure hidden in a field"*? Look at Jeremiah 41, verse 8.

Jer 41:8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, wheat, barley, oil, and honey. ...

Wheat and barley are how you make bread. It's a symbol of the Bible. It's a symbol of eating the Bread of Life. Oil is the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit of truth. Honey, they are sweet thoughts. Remember in Psalm 19, the law is like honey. The truth, when you're understanding it, is sweet. So, again, Matthew 13:44,

Mat 13:44 The kingdom of heaven, it's like treasure hidden in a field (wheat, barley, the Holy Spirit, and the truth of the law, the truth of his writings, the honey), which when a man finds this, he hides it in his heart for joy and surrenders what he has and buys that field.

So in Matthew 19, I believe that is what he's talking about. Go surrender what you have. Give to the poor what you have left, and you'll have treasure in heaven. So in Matthew 19, verse 22.

Mat 19:22 But when the young man heard that, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

Mat 19:23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man (a rich man, rich in his own idea, rich in his own truth), will hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven because you have to sell or surrender all that you have.

Mat 19:24 And again I say, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for someone rich in his own understanding to enter into the kingdom of God.

Mat 19:25 When his disciples heard it (they took him literally) and they were amazed. They said, Well, who can be saved?

Because probably in their mind, they thought the more money you have means God has blessed you, exactly what you see in the churches today. The televangelists, the more money they have, the more they think they're being blessed of God.

In fact, if you were to go with me and approach some of these preachers and argue with them about what the truth is, they would eventually say to you, "Well, where's the evidence that God's blessing you? Where are all the people? Where's all the money? We take in (some of them) two or three million a week (so they can stay on the air). Why would we listen to you? If we listened to you, there would be no money. God is blessing us."

So the disciples are saying, "Well, who then can be saved? If the rich can't enter the kingdom, who then can be saved?" See, they were taking him literally. He was talking spiritually. Verse 26

Mat 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said, With men (because you think literally, carnally) this is impossible; but with God (He thinks spiritually. He is Spirit), all things are possible.

Mat 19:27 Then answered Peter and said, Behold, we have forsaken all, we followed you; what shall we have therefore? (What shall we have? What do we get?)

Mat 19:28 Jesus said unto them, Ye which have followed me in the radical change of thinking, when I sit on the throne of glory (fulfilling Psalms 110:1), you're going to be determining the truths in the book. You're going to be judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Mat 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken your old way of thinking, what you've heard from your brethren, sisters, father, mother, wife, children... Everyone that forsakes all (like the man who found the treasure in the field) will receive a hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life...

Which in Revelation 14, he shows you the opposite. He tells you of people who don't forsake it, when you look at this message in Revelation 14, verse 6.

Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in heaven, ...

Rev 14:7 His message was Fear God, and give glory to him; ... (And I'm just going to say through Jesus Christ.)

Rev 14:8 Babylon is fallen...

You're able to tell them that the confusion that you've been in about God has fallen because you have found the treasures of the field... wheat, barley, oil, and honey, and you've surrendered everything to have that truth. Now, if you have received those truths, you have forsaken everything that you've heard in the past, and you're with him in that truth, in this message in Revelation 14, verse 9.

Rev 14:9 The third angel followed them, and said, If you continue worshipping the beast and his image, you're going to receive the mark...

We haven't gotten into all of those symbols. Again, Matthew 19 is telling you the positive. Revelation 14 shows you what's happening to those who won't receive the kingdom and have a radical mind change. Just realize that the sounding of these trumpets is not nothing. The sound of these trumpets is radical. God expects those who

have ears to hear to receive it and be changed and enter into the truth, possessing His Holy Spirit.

Again, when we read the trumpets, this is what we're talking about. The washing, the regeneration, the radical mind change. That is why it impacts the people the way it does in these trumpets.

Heavenly Father, if there is anything that we can do to help us get this message down, walk humbly with you, spend more time in prayer, study the scriptures, that is what we want. We want to be focused on what the truth is. We want nothing more. We're tired of all the frivolity and everything in this world... the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and pride. May we put all that away, and I ask you to give us your Spirit without measure, that you be glorified in Jesus' name. Amen.