

## RETURN OF THE KING

For the first 6 sermons in this series entitled “Seek First” (the kingdom of God and His Righteousness), we have heard inspiring exhortations that speak of believers being in and living out as citizens or Royals of the Kingdom of God. If you haven’t, please review them on-line. That is well and good but every now and then, we are also reminded that the Kingdom of God is coming!

Do we have a problem grappling with the ostensible paradox that the Kingdom of God is here and now and also yet to come? Have we grasped the meaning and implications of “Seek First”? What does it mean to each of us and as a Church? How have we been challenged to review the state we are in and the way we live our faith? Are we ready, able and willing to be and belong to the Kingdom of God?

In this 7th and round up sermon in the series, we shall explore further some of these issues and questions to help us better understand the here and now and the yet to come perspectives of the Kingdom of God. T

o help us along, we will consider in greater detail Jesus’ Parable of the Ten Virgins recorded in Matthew 25:1-13.

- a. Who are the ten virgins and who is the bridegroom?
- b. Why couldn’t the 5 wise virgins share their oil with the foolish ones?
- c. What is the point and purpose of this parable?
- d. In what state do we want to be found when Christ comes again?
- e. Believing and Belonging; Belonging and Behaving; Being and Becoming like Him; or Not at All?
- f. How can we spur each other to be and remain wise in our faith journey with Christ till He comes again or takes us home?

### PERSONAL APPLICATION:

1. When you think about King Jesus returning, how do you feel? Why?
2. What are some things you hope to be able to accomplish or do before King Jesus returns? Why are they important to you?
3. What would it look like for you to live life keeping in mind that Jesus is returning? Would you change anything about the way you currently live?
4. Imagine yourself sitting to talk with Jesus one to one when He returns, what do you think He will say to you? What do you hope He will say? What are you afraid He might say?