

Scripture of the Quarter

V16 "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first."

V17 "Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

1st Thessalonians 4:16-17 NKJV

The Lord put a burden on my heart to write an article about the Rapture, due to the Lord's soon return for His bride. If you watch the news and read the newspaper you have to believe the coming of the Lord is soon. I want you to know if you have heard that all people that call themselves a Christian will go in the Rapture, they won't. Let me explain, when you read these parables that Jesus Christ told, you will understand. Read **Matthew 24:36-42** and **Matthew 25:1-12**.

A lot of people don't realize both of the aforementioned scriptures are related to the Rapture. Let me summarize **Matthew 24:40** this verse states that two men will be in the field and one will be taken and the other left. It is important to do word studies to understand the context of the scriptures we read and if you don't you will miss a lot. The New Testament is written in Greek. In Greek the word taken is paralambano which means to receive near, associate with oneself (in any familiar or intimate relationship). If you read **John 14:3** when **Jesus** says, I will come and receive you to Myself it would be the Greek word paralambano. Now let's look at verse 41 this verse states that two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and one will be left.

Now let's look at **Matthew 25:1-12** where it talks about the virgins. Again I will summarize this chapter. I encourage you to read all the scriptures I'm giving you. If you have any questions you can call me at the number listed on the newsletter. Now here we have ten virgins (all virgins) as we refer to ourselves as all being Christians. Notice it says five were wise and five were foolish. As you read further it tells you the bridegroom (**Jesus**) was delayed and the five wise virgins had extra oil for their lamps but the five foolish virgins ran out of oil. The five foolish virgins pleaded with the five

wise to give them some extra oil. The five wise virgins advised them to go to a vendor and purchase more oil. When the foolish virgins left to buy more oil the bridegroom (Jesus) returned. **V10-12** "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom (**Jesus**) came, and those who were ready went in with Him to the wedding; and the door was shut." **V11** "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying "**Lord, Lord,** open to us!" **V12** But He answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you."

Can you imagine the **Lord** telling you He did not know you? What is the Rapture? It is a one time event for faithful overcomers. I would like to clarify something: heaven is a reward for salvation, when you have truly accepted Christ as your personal savior as stated in **Romans 10:9-10**. After accepting Christ your walk begins with Jesus. You let Him into your heart and the transformation begins as it states in **2nd Corinthians 5:17** NKJ "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.

What is an overcomer? When the Apostle John wrote the book of **Revelation** he was writing to the seven churches in Asia Minor. In chapters 2 and 3 Jesus gave seven overcomer statements. In **Chapter 2:7**, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of Paradise of God." (NKJ) Notice Jesus says to he who that overcomes.

I would like to give you the Greek word for overcome is nik-ah-ah-o it means to subdue, conquer, **OVERCOME**, prevail, and get the victory.

We must also be faithful to go in the Rapture. I will list four scriptures for you to read regarding faithfulness:

1. **Matthew 24:45**
2. **Matthew 25:21**
3. **1st Corinthians 4:2**
4. **Revelation 17:4**

I want to give you a quote from a great man of God who has gone to be with the Lord. W.H. Hubbard stated: "to escape great tribulation and be able to stand before the Son

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Warriors of God, Greetings and Peace Be With You!

So much has been happening in the world since our last newsletter. Remember that Jesus has warned us to pray that we will be counted worthy to escape all these things that are about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the son of man. **Luke 21:36**

PRAY WITH US. O GRACIOUS GOD and merciful God, As it is written in your word we pray, Lord open our eyes that we might see and open the eyes of our understanding. Allow your Holy Spirit to teach us your truth not man's truth. Let us study that we might show ourselves approved rightly dividing the word of truth. And Lord as you warned us we pray that we will be counted worthy to escape all these things that are about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the son of man. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Middle East has been very active as we have been watching the news via internet and television. We have watched Egypt change leadership, Libya is in crisis and civil war, as well as other Middle Eastern countries. Suggested reading of God's word in **Isaiah Chapter 19** and in **Daniel 11:43** tells us about Egypt. Did you know that Egypt will eventually turn to the Lord? **Isaiah 19:18** that 5 cities in Egypt will speak the language of Canaan (Hebrew) and swear allegiance to the Lord Almighty. Today in the city of El Arish their people speak Hebrew also. Jordan is the land of Edom, Moab, and Ammon, when the Anti-christ becomes known, will escape from being under his control (**Daniel 11:41**). The citizens and leaders of these countries are all worried or methodically being changed. Should we hear worry, No—the Lord has told us not to worry but to be prepared!

There is a difference in preparing for future events and worrying about them. I believe that most all of you who read this newsletter are learning what is coming. Watch and warn your friends and family, when you hear about the city of Damascus being destroyed as it is written in **Isaiah 17:1-3**, See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins. This prophecy has never been fulfilled. They have seen some destruction but Damascus built on an oasis that has always escaped destruction because it would pay taxes to the conquering country.

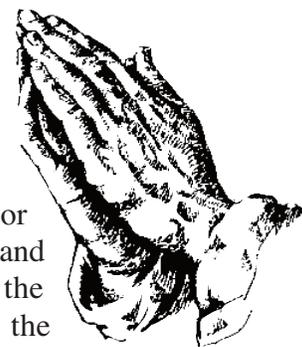
We want you to understand that even though America is far away from the Middle East and that many of you have let the memories of 9-11 fade. The threat is not over.

In February of 2011 Louis Farrakhan (Leader of the Chicago based Nation of Islam), made a speech to Americans that the "Mahadi" is with us and judgment is coming to America. (the Mahadi is the Muslim messiah and we believe that he will be known to the believers as the

Anti-christ for even they teach that he is talked about in the book of **Revelations**).

Pray at all times! Do not worry or panic but prepare. Be on guard and stay alert! Do you remember the shelves at the grocery stores on the last days of the ice storms that came this winter? Trucks were not able to get through to stock the stores and things were very picked over. Extra water and non-perishable food should be kept in your homes and at your church. When these things happen look up for your redemption draws nigh (is close).

Maranatha



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of Man are not unconditional gifts of love or grace, but are privileges for those who are accounted worthy of them.”

	RAPTURED	LEFT BEHIND (REMAIN)
1.	Overcomers	Non-overcomer
2.	Victorious	Defeated
3.	Profitable	Unprofitable
4.	Ready	Not ready
5.	Watching	Not watching
6.	Pay their tithes	Refuse to pay tithes
7.	Spotless	Soiled garments
8.	Believing	Unbelieving

A faithful overcomer is not spiritually lazy. When they have an opportunity to witness about Jesus and win souls for the Kingdom of God they seize the opportunity. A faithful overcomer has conquered his body, soul, and his spirit man. A faithful overcomer lives righteously and keeps his garment spotless. A faithful overcomer goes to church every Sunday not when he feels like it. A faithful overcomer pays his tithes on a regular basis and gives offerings when the occasion arises.

Are there preparations for the Rapture? Yes, I will list the preparations needed:

1. Watch **Mark 13:33**
2. Purify yourself **James 4:8**
3. Abide in Him **1st John 2:28**
4. Pray you are worthy **Luke 21:36**
5. Continue to look **Luke 21:28**

I pray this message and information will help all of you who read this article become a faithful overcomer. Remember Jesus is coming very soon. If you have sin in your life it is time to repent and correct what is wrong in your life. **May the Lord bless all of you.**