"AMERICA"

A FORMER CHRISTIAN NATION

SESSION #1 – WORKBOOK Intended For "KINGDOM WARRIORS IN THE ARMY OF GOD"

Unveiling Mysteries in the "Book of Revelation"

Based upon the Book:

GOD'S ANOINTED WARRIORS

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AMERICA – A NATION FOUNDED ON CHRISTIAN VALUES

Key Points:

- Godly leaders founded this country under the biblical principles of justice, truth, and religious freedom. America is the first and only country in the New Testament age founded upon Christian values.
- Our present-day heritage of freedom, peace, and prosperity is the fruit of our forefathers' obedience to and love for, the Lord Jesus Christ and His heavenly Father.
- The Lord obviously has called America as the most powerful representative in the world of Christianity under the new covenant and over the last 400 years, it has evolved to be the most influential nation in the promotion of Christianity throughout the world.
- Over the last four centuries, she has greatly influenced most of the nations of the world with the gospel truths of Jesus Christ.
- Additionally, thousands of patriotic Americans have died on the battlefields around the world fighting for our freedoms that we enjoy today.

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COMBAT PRIORITIES FOR MARINE CORPS OFFICERS

Key Points:

- ▶ 1^{st} Our Assigned Mission
- \triangleright 2nd Lives of Men in our Unit
- \rightarrow 3rd Our Own Life is to be Placed Last

Notes – How does this apply to you?

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AMERICA – A NATION GONE TERRIBLY ASTRAY

Today, we are a country:

- Where prayer and Bible study are no longer permitted in our schools. Although our college campuses are floating in New Age & Islamic teachings.
- Where the presence of our Lord is not welcome in governmental facilities. Even military chaplains are being warned not to pray in the name of Jesus. However, again Islamic and New Age-style religions are quietly being embraced.
- Where the American news media has brainwashed many of our citizens into embracing corrupt government agendas leading to a major disregarding of our constitutional freedoms.
- Where abortion clinics have butchered tens of millions of babies over the last 35 years and now our tax dollars fund abortion clinics across the world. This child sacrifice has been made lawful in order to support sexual immorality resulting in the continuing slaughter of young, innocent victims. Planned Parenthood clinics have been secretly selling body parts taken from these unborn children.
- Where violent and demonic television, movies, video games, coupled with widespread drugs has spawned a dangerous belief system within our youth culture. So many of our youth of today are "technology smart" but "life stupid."
- 21st century America is now a country that embraces a "godless" lifestyle that has given rise to a dangerous drug-influenced American culture that welcomes adultery, abortion, pornography, homosexuality, and same-sex marriages as a normal way of life.
- A country that was founded on biblical principles established by almighty God has now chosen to throw off our Christian heritage and embrace the principles of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Sadly, our nation no longer worships the Lord who blessed us with prosperity and established our religious freedoms. For we are a nation that needs to listen to the following warning:

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Isaiah 5:20

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OUR CURRENT ADMINISTRATION

I do Believe

- That our current president, together with those he appointed in high governmental positions, are truly committed to our constitutional and religious freedoms which have been foundational to our country.
- However, this sudden and surprising emergence of a conservative, republican administration has brought about a visible division between patriotic Americans and those venomous and hate-filled anti-Americans - who are committed to destroying our heritage.
- However, my friends, I do believe that our Lord has initiated this sequence of events in order to visibly reveal to His church - that we are no longer the United States of America – we are now the Divided States of America and this division is rapidly and visibly escalating all across nation.
- So do not allow this current patriotic surge with the election of President Trump and his administrative successes to date, lull you to sleep. America has crossed the line a very destructive and challenging time lies shortly before us.

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NATION WILL RISE AGAINST NATION

Ethnos will Rise Against Ethnos

- A hate-filled division has suddenly emerged within America and this is one of the signs that Jesus said would occur prior to His 2nd coming. That is, in Matthew 24, Jesus said that in the last days, "nation will rise against nation."
- In the original biblical language, the word for "<u>nation</u>" is "<u>ethnos</u>." Thus, it should be interpreted that in the last days "ethnic groups will arise against ethnic groups."
- This is so visible in today's America where our constitutional freedoms have allowed "hate" to emerge among different ethnic groups.
- We are a country where racism is rampant where the liberal hatred toward conservatives is horrific – where our President is treated like an enemy among numerous American peoples.
- Now this sudden division is not just a difference of opinion it is a <u>hatred</u> to all those who disagree with one's beliefs.

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During Our Lifetime:

- ➢ If we put our hope in government − it will fail!
- ➢ If we put our hope in man − it will fail!
- ▶ If we put our hope in the Lord Jesus it will never fail!
- We are called to be very watchful and continually seek the Lord during these times, for Jesus Himself warned us that "a nation divided against itself cannot stand." This has been historically true with numerous nations such as ancient Israel and the Roman Empire.

Christian warriors – "stand fast." Dark times are rapidly approaching.

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WORLDLY INVASION OF THE AMERICAN CHURCH

The Kingdom of God – The Church:

Represented by a tremendously huge, marble-like boulder (pearl) reflecting a gloriously beautiful light much greater than the sun and emanating an overwhelming sense of holiness.

The Kingdom of the World:

Represented by a black, octopus-like demon with tentacles that were progressively blackening the light and consuming the holiness of the Lord's church.

Why isn't the American church standing stronger against this ungodly, worldly invasion of our beloved country?"

- The church of this present is under attack from the worldly kingdom which is replacing much of the true gospel message with subtle lies.
- The deceived worldly church will soon join with the worldly government in their war against the remnant of Christians who will not compromise their faith.
- A pure light will be powerfully released into the darkness in the midst of disastrous times that lie before us.

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MULTITUDES OF FALSE TEACHERS WILL ARISE IN THE "LATTER DAYS"

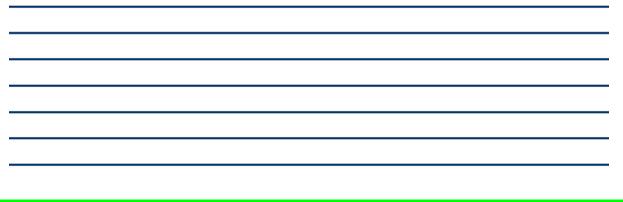
<u>Beware –</u>

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. **2 Timothy 4:3-4**

Key Points:

- This is how numerous modern-day liberal heresies have subtlety crept into the world of American Christianity
- They are deceived teachers who will twist scripture with the objective of building a base of followers who they will unknowingly lead astray
- > This is effective because the majority of Christians are biblically ignorant
- They are prone to believe the teachings of some supposed man of God because they are charismatic speakers who tickle people's ears
- ➢ In the days of Jeremiah, false teachers among the Jews continued to preach peace and prosperity and insist that the love of God would never allow them to be invaded by the heathen Babylonians.
- The people listened to these comforting teachings and continued on their merry way, buying and selling until, suddenly, terrible destruction fell upon them and destroyed them as a nation.

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RAMPANT IN AMERICA: BIBLICAL TRUTHS REPLACED BY LIES

So many pulpits have become virtually silent on the most powerful life-changing truths of the gospel.

Key Points:

These are churches that embrace the philosophy of "humanism" which teaches that the end of all things is the "happiness of man" rather than the "glory of God."

- Lukewarm Churches avoid the Preaching of the Cross
- Christian welfare mentality provides feel-good teachings that perpetuate self-absorption & empowers the ego of the listeners
- Christians are misled to jump into a resurrected life by a shortcut that bypasses the continuing work of the Cross in the believer's life
- The teaching that Christ did everything for us & we don't have to suffer death to our carnal self is a deadly doctrine which leads to the wrong destiny
- ➢ Worldview are crying out "Make love, not war"
- Their definition of "love" is far different than biblical "love." <u>It embraces a lifestyle of "tolerance</u> which is a modern-day doctrine of "political correctness."

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THE PREACHING OF "TOLERANCE" IS FROM THE ENEMY

Key Points:

- ➤ "Tolerance" is a doctrine that effectively weakens the truth of the biblical gospel.
- "Tolerance" doctrines assume man is basically good even though they may need periodic counseling help
- "Tolerance" is currently being communicated worldwide by non-believers as the ultimate expression of "true love"
- Eventually it will become unlawful to share the truths of the biblical gospel because that would be considered "intolerant"
- ➤ The time is coming when Christians that proclaim that Jesus Christ is the one & only way to eternal life will be maligned as extremists & unloving fanatics who are a hindrance to the establishment of a peaceful society.

The world-view voices in our nation today are getting louder and louder crying out <u>"Make love, not war!"</u>

These world-view voices continually speak about living a happy and successful life, but in reality, they conceal the truth that leads to true eternal happiness.

Notes - Consider how "tolerance" is being communicated in your environment:

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WORLDVIEW VOICES IN AMERICA CONCEAL BIBLICAL TRUTHS

Key Points:

Why do they conceal the Truth?

- They love to embrace worldly pleasures & do not want to hear that their chosen lifestyle is leading down a dark, sinful road.
- They want to believe that man is "basically good" and can choose to live their lives without interference from God.
- They do not want to hear the truths of the gospel that reveals them to be "sinners" destined for eternal darkness.
- They do not want to hear that Jesus is the only way to eternal life. They want to believe that all roads lead to a joyful afterlife.
- > They do not want to believe that their worldly lifestyle is hated by God.

Jesus Warns Us – Do Not Love the World!

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world— the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. <u>1 John 2:15-16</u>

Characteristics of the Worldly Social System in the "Last Days"

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be: Lovers of self - lovers of money – proud – arrogant – abusive - disobedient to their parents – ungrateful – unholy – heartless – unappeasable – slanderous - without self-control – brutal - not loving good - treacherous - reckless, - swollen with conceit - lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – Having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. <u>2 Timothy 3:1-5</u>

> In other words, they may profess to be Christians but refuse to give up their worldly lifestyle.

BREAK-TIME

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WHAT OUR MISSION "IS NOT"

Key Points:

Soldiers in the Army of God need to understand that:

We are not forces of revolution attempting to establish a righteous government in this present world.

This world is not our home:

Until it is finally liberated, it belongs to the Enemy. In fact, soldiers in God's army are despised by the world.

<u>John 15:19</u>

- If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
- Those who are consumed with desires of the flesh & worldly possessions hate God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ who calls them out of the world.

Our army is probably better characterized as guerillas behind enemy lines with a mission to proclaim the true gospel message of Jesus Christ, as the Son of God, to those currently in the world.

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WHAT OUR MISSION "IS"

Key Points:

Our assigned mission is to lead those held in captivity to the world:

- 1. Out of the darkness into the light.
- 2. Out of deception & into the truth
- 3. Out of an evil lifestyle into righteousness
- 4. From eternal damnation & misery into eternal life & joy

The kingdom of God, led by our Lord will never betray His soldiers fighting to free others.

Jesus Christ will continually encourage and strengthen us to "make war, because we love."

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MISSION DIFFERENCES: WORLD'S SOLDIERS & GOD'S SOLDIERS

Key Points:

Soldiers of the World may die carrying out their mission to:

- ➢ Kill their Enemy or
- Take Prisoners Captive

Soldiers in the Army of God may also die carrying out their mission to:

- ➢ Love their Enemy &
- Free Prisoners from Captivity

Questions to personally consider:

- ▶ How do you respond to Christian brothers who want to revolt against the government?
- How would you respond to American militia forces that come to take away your property?

➢ Is the use of firearms proper? In what situations? (I address this in a handout entitled "Physical Preparations"

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JESUS CHRIST – HIS LEADERSHIP PRIORITIES

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Most Christians are not aware that the true meaning of <u>hosts</u> in both Hebrew and Greek is <u>"a</u> <u>gathering army organized for war."</u>

Key Points:

"Hosts" = A Gathering Army Organized for War

In contrast to the liberal world-view voices who cry "Make love, Not war"

Jesus Christ, our true Commander-in-Chief calls us to: "Make War because We Love"

Priorities taught Marine Corps Officers:

- 1. Mission Assigned by our Commanders
- 2. Lives of those under our authority
- 3. We were to place our own life last

Priorities of Jesus Christ – Our true Commander-in-Chief:

- 1. Assigned Missions = Will of His Father
- 2. Lives of all who choose to follow Him
- 3. He placed His own life last to provide salvation for all who follow Him in order that His chosen people among mankind will live eternally with Him

Also the two greatest commandments of our Lord are similar to these leadership priorities:

- 1. We are called to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. God is our primary focus on the battlefield of life. Love Him before all else.
- 2. We are called to prioritize others before ourselves with a heart of true love.

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CHRISTIAN WARRIORS IN THE ARMY OF GOD

The Great Warriors Of The Bible

- > Always went through periods of darkness before they were brought into the purposes of God.
- The purpose of the wilderness journey is to conform us more & more into the image of Jesus Christ and to bring us to a place of maturity where He can trust us with more authority.
- Remember warriors, there is no victory without a battle. We must see every test as a great opportunity and no matter how dark it seems to get, the light will surely dawn, just as the sun comes up in the morning.

The Whole History Of The Church Is -<u>The Arena Of God Versus Satan In Trials By Ordeal:</u>

- ➤ As you see on the screen, Satan's champions will always be more numerous and will visibly appear to be greater and more powerful since they are supported by worldly governments and pagan religions.
- > It hasn't changed; but it is about to get more challenging than ever before.
- Yet, warrior-spirited Christians standing uncompromisingly for our Lord will always prevail in the strength of the Lord.
- ➤ The praying believer will never faint during hard times. On the contrary, he will grow stronger and stronger because he trusts in God before he trusts in men.

Christian Warriors need to memorize the following verse in Isaiah 40:29-31

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who <u>wait</u> for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

In other words – continually seek His face and develop that personal one-on-one relationship with Jesus and your heavenly Father.

BREAK-TIME

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MISSION FOR THE "BOOK OF REVELATION"

The Book of Revelation provides us with detailed information concerning events that will take place prior to the Lord's return to setup the Kingdom of God on this earth.

Our Lord promises great blessings to those who <u>read</u>, <u>hear</u> and <u>keep</u> the prophetic messages communicated in the Book of Revelation.

Listen to His words at both at the beginning and at the end of this Book:

<u>Blessed</u> is the one who <u>reads</u> aloud the words of this prophecy, and <u>blessed</u> are those who <u>hear</u>, and who <u>keep</u> what is written in it, for the time is near. **Revelation 1:3**

"And behold, I am coming soon. <u>Blessed</u> is the one who <u>keeps</u> the words of the prophecy of this book." *Revelation 22:7*

The Book of Revelation together with other prophetic books is intended to provide Warrior-Spirited Christians with:

- ▶ <u>Understanding</u> of the times & purposes for these events.
- > <u>Direction</u> for our ministerial calling in the midst of these events.
- > <u>**Preparation**</u> to "be ready" both spiritually & physically.
- Encouragement to be <u>a glorious light</u> within our respective environments during these times.

We cannot continue to ignore or downplay these prophetic events any longer.

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION MUST REMAIN OPEN TO BOTH KINGDOMS

IT MUST BE COMMUNICATED BY THE CHURCH IN THE MIDST OF CATASTROPHIC EVENTS.

The result will be twofold:

For the people of God, it will strengthen their faith as they look beyond the tribulations to the coming of the Lord Jesus.

However, there will be many who want nothing to do with it:

- They will mock and belittle those who proclaim it calling them hate-filled pessimists who are scaring people.
- > It will arouse opposition from unbelievers who's hope lies within the world.
- Those who proclaim end-times prophecies will one day be considered a threat to national security and the world's agenda.

Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. *Revelation 22:11*

Consider how you will handle the Book of Revelation! Teach? Listen? Obey?

Consider your calling during these "last days"

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REMAIN STEADFAST IN THE FOLLOWING TRUTHS

- 1. God speaks to His people in this life through both the Old & New Testaments.
- > The Bible is God's revelation of Who He Is and Who We Are together with the relationship that exists between God and man.
- > The Scriptures are not man's witness that God exists, but God's witness to man.
- > The Bible was written by men who have been chosen by God.

- However, these men are not the authors of the bible God is the true author for he breathes His words into the hearts of His chosen writers.
- > Thus, the words in the bible are true in every respect.
- And it is through these very words received from our Lord that His people are to understand the following truths which He revealed to us.
- ➤ <u>That is</u>:
- 2. Jesus Christ is God's Son who came to earth to pay the penalty of death for all those who believe on His Name.
- 3. Mankind is a natural born sinner who cannot enter the kingdom of God unless this sin has been washed away by the shed blood of Jesus Christ.
- 4. Jesus Christ is the one and only way to eternal salvation. There is no other way.
- 5. One must be truly "born again" in order to enter the kingdom of God. These are those who repent of their sins and render obedience by walking in the truths of God.
- 6. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning for God abides in him and he in God.
- 7. Jesus Christ is truly divine and existed from all eternity as the Son of God. He is the Word of God that was present when creation was spoken into being.

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THE PURPOSE FOR THESE SESSIONS

- 1. <u>To provide insight</u> into the tribulation events which precede the 2nd coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to establish His kingdom on earth.
- 2. <u>To assist our understanding</u> of the Lord's purposes for releasing devastation throughout the earth.

- 3. <u>To provide understanding</u> for our missional calling as Christian warriors in the midst of tremendous worldwide chaos.
- 4. <u>To provide some ideas</u> for equipping ourselves along with our families and friends so that we will be ready. Being ready will eliminate "fear" when the suddenness of these calamities strike our nation and other parts of the world.
- 5. <u>To provide encouragement</u> that you are not alone, for our Lord is raising up many others who are to be a shining light in the midst of great darkness.

WARRIOR-SPIRITED CHRISTIANS IN THE ARMY OF GOD

Key Points:

These are Men & Women who "Deeply Desire"-

- > To make a glorious impact within the kingdom of God during their short life span upon this earth.
- > To be a strong light in the midst of deep darkness.
- > To make a positive impact in the lives of both believers and unbelievers in the midst of tremendous chaos.
- > To play a visible role in the strengthening and growth of God's kingdom during a time of tribulation
- > To hear our Lord Jesus Christ say, "Well done, good and faithful servant" when they enter into His presence.
- When that occurs, these Christian warriors will know that their calling in this life has been completely fulfilled. <u>Well done!</u>

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JESUS PRAYING TO HIS FATHER

Prior To His Crucifixion, Jesus Prayed To His Father For All Of Those Among Mankind <u>Who Choose To Follow Him.</u>

This prayer is in JOHN 17:15-23 where He says to His Father:

- > I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.
- They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
- ➤ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.
- "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
- The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Boy – this so unbelievably overwhelming.

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LEADERSHIP PRIORITIES IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Key Points:

▶ **1**st – We fight for the glory of His wondrous Name in the midst of a world of darkness.

- 2nd We fight for the salvation of those in bondage to the enemy. Family, friends, coworkers and strangers that our Lord brings into our lives.
- ➤ 3rd We fight without fear for ourselves for we are called to let go of this life and not be concerned for the consequences that may befall us.

For the time may be shortly before us when we hear the following calling from our Lord:

Arise, shine, for your <u>light</u> has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, <u>darkness</u> shall cover the earth, and thick <u>darkness</u> the peoples; <u>but the Lord will arise upon you</u>, <u>and his glory will be seen upon you</u>. **Isaiah 60:1-2**

Mission Objective -

Calling for Warrior-Spirited Christians to network with one-another to stand and confront the challenges that await our generation.

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THE NEXT SESSION:

WARNINGS FOR THE AMERICAN CHURCH

- Overview of Jesus' letters to the Churches
- The Church of Ephesus/Smyrna/Sardis/Philadelphia/Laodicea do they exist in 21st century America?
- Pre-Tribulation Rapture "The Truth is Left Behind"
- Pre-Tribulation Rapture Christians "Wake Up!"
- Pre-Tribulation Rapture A Marine's Point of View
- > Three "People Groups" that Emerge during times of Warfare
- > Three "Church Groups" that Emerge during times of Warfare
- ➢ Betrayal arises from within the Church
- > Who are the "Weeds" that have been Sown in the Midst of the Churches?
- A great falling away from the church will occur in the "Last Days" –who are those who may "fall away."

Additional Notes:

THE LAMB OF GOD - OUR TRUE "COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF"

The days are rapidly approaching when a tremendous separation will take place among mankind.

Yet, during this present era of warfare, He reigns as our Commander-in-Chief and His Name continues to be the battle cry for those warriors who fight daily for righteousness and truth.

His name is Jesus, Our Lord, Our King, Our Commander-in-Chief

- A truly mighty Leader who would never delegate assignments to His people that He Himself wouldn't readily embrace.
- A Commander that Christian warriors will readily follow not matter the danger or what costs have to be paid.
- > These are warriors whose deepest desire is to hear Jesus welcome them with the following words when they enter into His presence:

...... 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' *Matthew 25:21*