

# CHRISTIAN OR NOT !

Matthew 25:14-18

A close-up photograph of two hands holding a dark blue Bible. The hand on the left is wearing a white shirt cuff, and the hand on the right is wearing a dark blue sweater cuff. The Bible is held horizontally, and the text 'Matthew 25:14-18' is overlaid in white on the cover. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a light-colored wall.

# Matthew 25:14-30

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’

# Matthew 25:14-30

21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

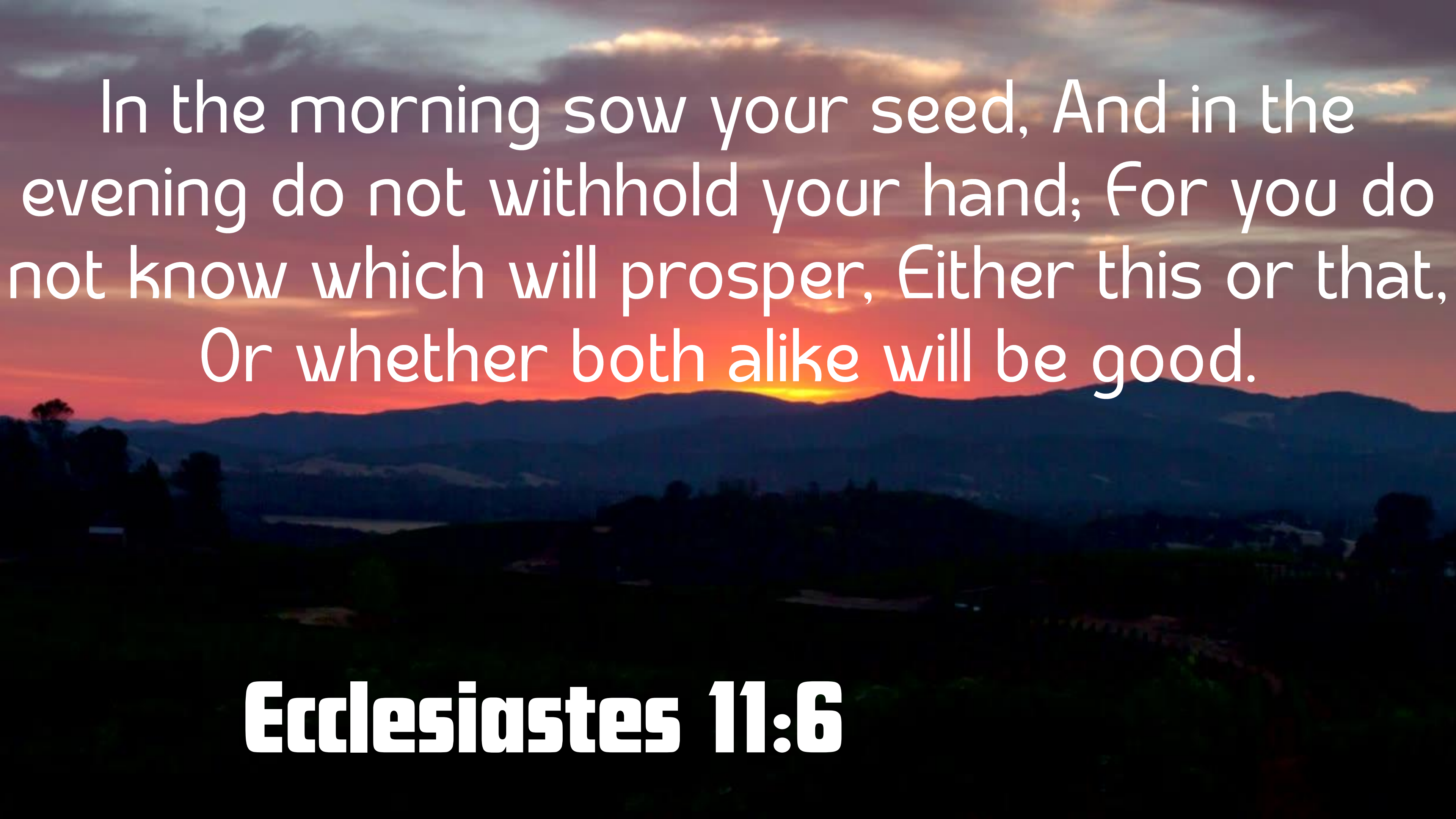
# Matthew 25:14-30

26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



**Ecclesiastes 11:1**

**Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days.**

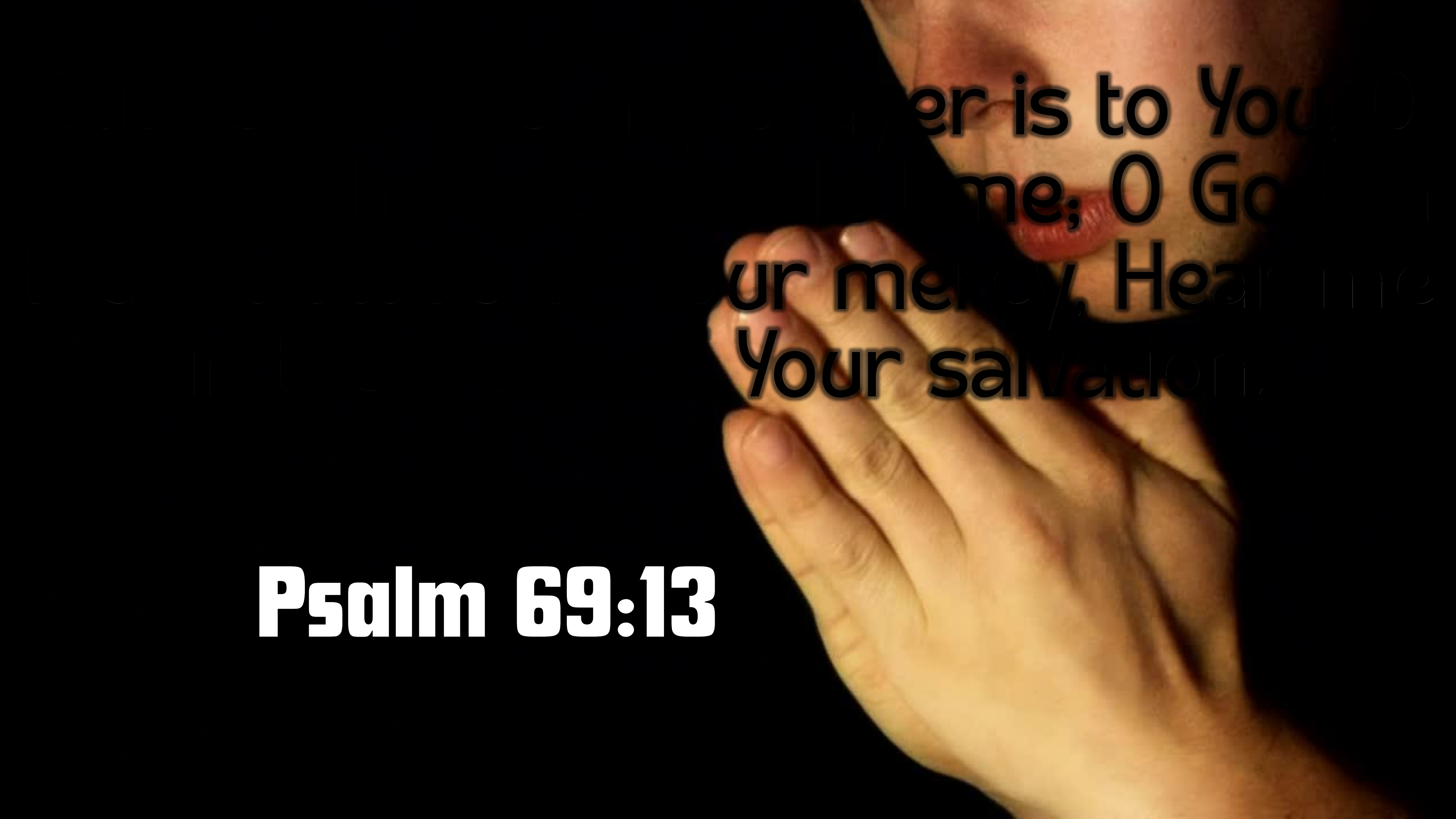
A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, red, and purple. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees and a valley. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under the twilight sky.

In the morning sow your seed, And in the evening do not withhold your hand; For you do not know which will prosper, Either this or that, Or whether both alike will be good.

**Ecclesiastes 11:6**

# Proverbs 10:5

He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.



Power is to You,  
Hear me; O God,  
Your mercy. Hear me  
Your salvation.

**Psalm 69:13**

# Isaiah 55:6

Seek the Lord while He  
may be found, Call upon  
Him while He is near.





**Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us  
kneel before the Lord our Maker. 7 For He is our  
God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the  
sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:  
8 "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion,  
As in the day of [d]trial in the wilderness,**

**Psalm 95:6-8**

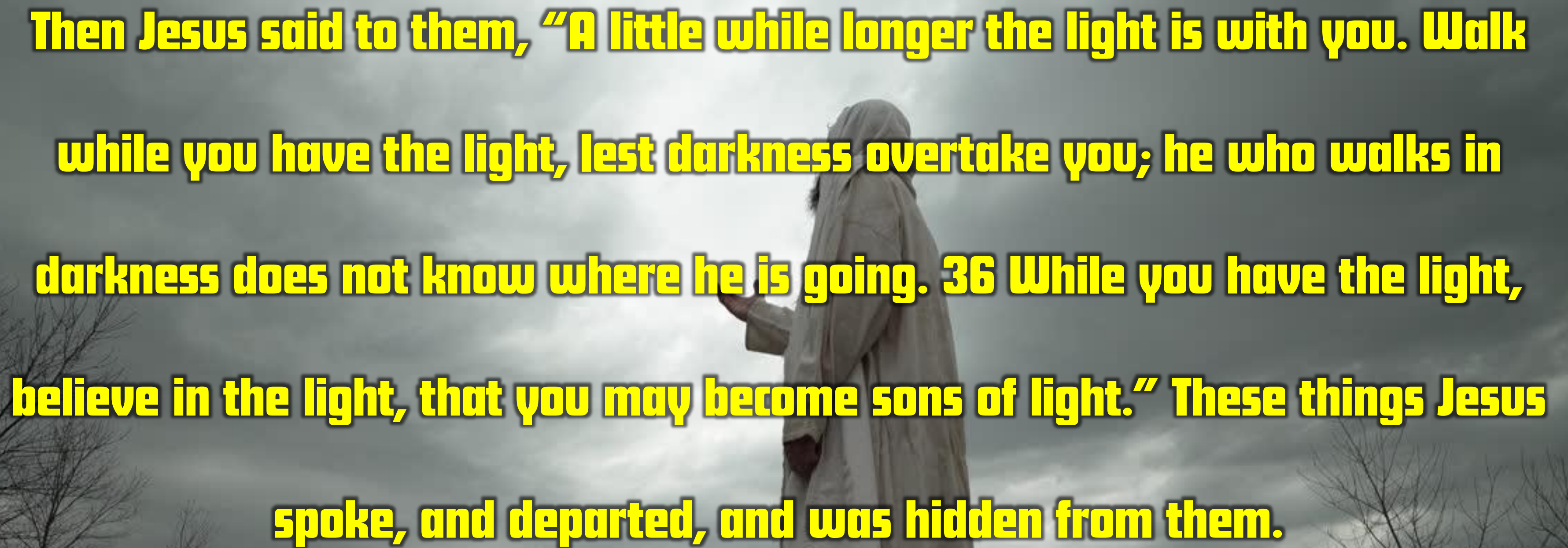
**Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,**

**Hebrews 3:7-8**



**For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**

**2 Corinthians 6:2**

A person wearing a long white robe and a hood, standing in a dark, overcast landscape with bare trees. The person is looking towards the right. The background is a cloudy sky.

**Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.**

**John 12:35-36**

Matthew 24:3

*“Tell us,  
when will  
these things  
be?”*



# The Uncertainty of the Hour

## Matthew 24:36

*“But of that day  
and hour no one  
knows, not even  
the angels  
of heaven, but My  
Father only.”*



A close-up photograph of a clock face. The clock has a white dial with black numbers and hands. The hour hand is a dark blue color, and the minute hand is a bright orange color. The clock is slightly out of focus, with the background being a soft, light blue.

**Matthew**

**24:42**

*Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.*

# *Matthew 24:44*

*Therefore you  
also be ready, for  
the Son of Man is  
coming at an  
hour you do not  
expect.*



# Matthew 24:50

*50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,*



# Matthew 25:13

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*“Watch therefore,  
for you know  
neither the day  
nor the hour in  
which the Son of  
Man is coming.”*





His own message about  
His own second coming



the birth pains that would result in the kingdom



**The parable of the  
virgins in verses 1-12,**

# The parable of the talents in verses 14-30



# Matthew 25:13


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***“Watch therefore,  
for you know  
neither the day  
nor the hour in  
which the Son of  
Man is coming.***





**Five were ready when the  
bridegroom came because  
they had oil in their lamps.  
Five were not because they  
didn't.**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard. The person is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved top. The laptop is dark-colored. A semi-transparent blue circular graphic with a white outline is overlaid on the lower right portion of the image, partially covering the keyboard and the person's hand. The background is blurred, showing a wooden surface.

**The parable of the talents is not just an emphasis on waiting but its emphasis on working.**

**For even when we were with you, we commanded you this:  
anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. 11 For we hear that  
there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner,  
not working at all, but are busybodies.**

**2 Thessalonian 3:10-11**

# 2 Peter 3:3-4

*knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."*



A man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a white dress shirt and a dark tie, is sitting at a desk in a dimly lit office. He has his hands clasped together and is looking thoughtfully to the right. The background is dark with some blurred office equipment.

**We are working and we are  
waiting.**

**We are looking and we are  
serving.**

# James 2:17

faith

**Thus also faith by itself, if it does  
not have works, is dead.**



**LUKE 19:11-27**

**1. Responsibility.**

**2. Response.**

**3. Reckoning.**

**4. Reward.**



# Matthew 25:14

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*“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.”*



# Matthew 18:3

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*and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*



# Matthew 25:34

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*Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*



# WHEAT AND TARES





**A DRAGNET FULL OF  
STUFF THAT'S  
DRAGGED UP FROM THE  
BOTTOM OF THE SEA**

# KINGDOM IS MADE UP OF SOIL

Good

Bad



**THE KINGDOM  
WAS LIKE TEN  
VIRGINS**



WHO USES THEIR  
OPPORTUNITY  
WHO WASTES IT.





**mustard Seed**

An aerial photograph showing a large, dark fishing dragnet spread across the surface of the ocean. The net is filled with a dense school of fish, appearing as a shimmering, silvery mass. In the upper left corner, two birds are seen swimming on the water's surface. The text "Dragnet full of fish" is overlaid in large, bold, white letters with a black outline across the center of the image.

**Dragnet full of fish**

A close-up photograph of a field of wheat and tares. The wheat stalks are golden-brown and have long, feathery awns. The tares are darker, almost purple-brown, and have a more upright, spike-like appearance. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a sun flare, and some trees are visible in the distance. The overall scene is a natural, agricultural setting.

# Wheat and Tares

# Ten Virgins with oil



**TWO HOUSES, ONE WITH A  
FOUNDATION AND ONE WITHOUT  
A FOUNDATION.**



A photograph of a forest path. The path is made of dirt and is covered with fallen leaves. It splits into two paths, one on the left and one on the right, each leading into a dense forest of tall trees with green leaves. The text "TWO PATHS AND TWO GATES." is overlaid in the center of the image in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

**TWO PATHS AND TWO GATES.**

δοῦλος

*Servant, bonds slave,  
one who willingly  
serves others*

# Matthew 25:15

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*And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.*



**ONE GOT FIVE, ONE GOT TWO,**

**AND ONE GOT ONE.**



**Did we give back to God  
when given the  
opportunity a maximum  
return?**





## **2. Response.**

**Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.**

**Matthew 25:15**

# **Kerdainō**

*to profit.*



And likewise  
he who had  
received two  
gained two  
more also.

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**Matthew 25:17**

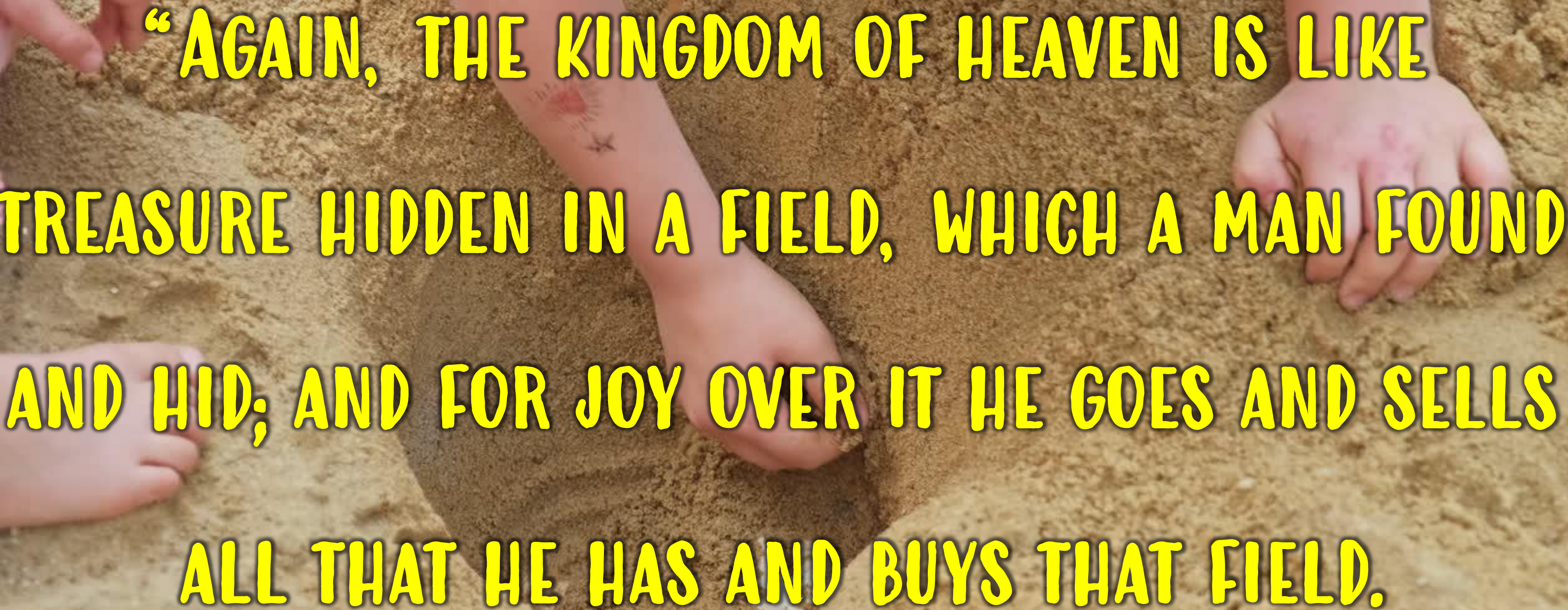


But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

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**Matthew 25:18**



A close-up photograph of a child's hands digging in the sand. The child's left hand is on the left, and their right hand is on the right, both reaching towards the center. A small, circular hole has been dug into the sand in the middle. The sand is a light brown color and appears soft and granular. The child's skin is fair, and there are some faint, small marks on their forearms. The background is a vast expanse of sand, suggesting a beach or a sandbox.

**“AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE  
TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD, WHICH A MAN FOUND  
AND HID; AND FOR JOY OVER IT HE GOES AND SELLS  
ALL THAT HE HAS AND BUYS THAT FIELD.**

**Matthew 13:44**

# Joshua 7:21-22

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When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it.”



A city street at night with tall buildings and a prominent skyscraper in the background. The scene is illuminated by streetlights and building lights, creating a vibrant urban atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, yellow font.

**Jesus is not talking about  
the Rapture.**

**This is at the time of accounting  
at the Second Coming.**

**“Be sure that though you  
are outwardly associated  
with the kingdom, you are  
also inwardly belonging to  
the kingdom.”**

