

**The Guardians**  
Sunday Morning, March 17, 2013

**Thesis:**

Christians are Called to be Guardians of the Truth

**Introduction:**

Body Guards:     Marlin - Admiral  
                          George - President Truman

Buckingham Palace - Palace Guards  
President Obama - Secret Service

The Kingdom of God and His Word:             Christians

**I. What Do You Believe in the Genesis Account?**  
**(Genesis 1:1)**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**(Genesis 1: 26 – 31)**

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth."

29 God also said, "Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This food will be for you,

30 for all the wildlife of the earth, for every bird of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth—everything having the breath of life in it. I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

31 God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day. under his tongue.

**Jesus Created Everything**  
**(Colossians 1:16)**

For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things have been created through Him and for Him.

**First Marriage Instituted**  
**(Matthew 19: 4 – 6)**

4 "Haven't you read," He replied, "that He who created them in the beginning made them male and female,"

5 and He also said:

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?

6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate."

## II. Jesus Presents a Common Theme (Matthew 13: 1 – 53)

1 On that day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea.  
2 Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat down, while the whole crowd stood on the shore.  
3 Then He told them many things in parables, saying: “Consider the sower who went out to sow.  
4 As he was sowing, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate them up.  
5 Others fell on rocky ground, where there wasn’t much soil, and they sprang up quickly since the soil wasn’t deep.  
6 But when the sun came up they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered.  
7 Others fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them.  
8 Still others fell on good ground & produced a crop: some 100, some 60, and some 30 times what was sown.  
9 Anyone who has ears should listen!”  
10 Then the disciples came up and asked Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”  
11 He answered them, “Because the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given for you to know, but it has not been given to them.  
12 For whoever has, more will be given to him, and he will have more than enough. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.  
13 For this reason I speak to them in parables, because looking they do not see, and hearing they do not listen or understand.

14 Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You will listen and listen, yet never understand; and you will look and look, yet never perceive.

15 For this people’s heart has grown callous; their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; otherwise they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn back—and I would cure them.

16 “But your eyes are blessed because they do see, and your ears because they do hear!

17 For I assure you: Many prophets and righteous people longed to see the things you see yet didn’t see them; to hear the things you hear yet didn’t hear them.

18 “You, then, listen to the parable of the sower:

19 When anyone hears the word about the kingdom and doesn’t understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the one sown along the path.

20 And the one sown on rocky ground—this is one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy.

21 Yet he has no root in himself, but is short-lived. When pressure or persecution comes because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

22 Now the one sown among the thorns—this is one who hears the word, but the worries of this age and the seduction of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 But the one sown on the good ground—this is one who hears and understands the word, who does bear fruit and yields: some 100, some 60, some 30 times what was sown.”

24 He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 But while people were sleeping, his enemy came, sowed weeds among the wheat, and left.

26 When the plants sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also appeared.

27 The landowner's slaves came to him and said, 'Master, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Then where did the weeds come from?'

28 "'An enemy did this!' he told them. "'So, do you want us to go and gather them up?' the slaves asked him.

29 "'No,' he said. 'When you gather up the weeds, you might also uproot the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At harvest time I'll tell the reapers: Gather the weeds first and tie them in bundles to burn them, but store the wheat in my barn.'"

31 He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field.

32 It's the smallest of all the seeds, but when grown, it's taller than the vegetables and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come & nest in its branches."

33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into 50 pounds of flour until it spread through all of it."

34 Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables, and He would not speak anything to them without a parable, 35 so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: I will open My mouth in parables; I will declare things kept secret from the foundation of the world.

36 Then He dismissed the crowds and went into the house. His disciples approached Him and said, "Explain the parable of the weeds in the field to us."

37 He replied: "The One who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

38 the field is the world; and the good seed—these are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

39 & the enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, & the harvesters are angels.

40 Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered & burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather from His kingdom everything that causes sin and those guilty of lawlessness.

42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Anyone who has ears should listen!

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure, buried in a field, that a man found and reburied. Then in his joy he goes and sells everything he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls.

46 When he found one priceless pearl, he went and sold everything he had, and bought it.

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a large net thrown into the sea. It collected every kind of fish,

48 and when it was full, they dragged it ashore, sat down, and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw out the worthless ones.

49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out, separate the evil people from the righteous, 50 and throw them into the blazing furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all these things?"

"Yes," they told Him.

52 "Therefore," He said to them, "every student of Scripture instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who brings out of his storeroom what is new and what is old."

53 When Jesus had finished these parables, He left there.

### What are Some Common Themes?

#### **III. Receiving God's Word Bears Light!** **(Matthew 25: 1 – 13)**

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like 10 virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom.

2 Five of them were foolish and five were sensible.

3 When the foolish took their lamps, they didn't take olive oil with them.

4 But the sensible ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps.

5 Since the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 "In the middle of the night there was a shout: 'Here's the groom! Come out to meet him.'

7 "Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

8 But the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.'

9 "The sensible ones answered, 'No, there won't be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell, and buy oil for yourselves.'

10 "When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived. Then those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.

11 "Later the rest of the virgins also came and said, 'Master, master, open up for us!'

12 "But he replied, 'I assure you: I do not know you!'

13 "Therefore be alert, because you don't know either the day or the hour.

#### **Conclusion:**

#### **(Ephesians 6: 11)**

Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil.

Be a Guardian of the Word and God's Kingdom!