

## 42-Luke-Pt14-Transcript

okay so hopefully the sound is coming through now and will continue I'll wait too if you can just send me confirmation that you are in fact getting sound so what we want to do is continue now in our study of Luke Luke chapter 12 and we're going to start this study with two brothers fighting and that is going to open an opportunity for some teaching from our Lord Jesus Christ let's begin with a word of Prayer a Heavenly Father we we bow before you were just so thankful to you Father for your plan for mankind and giving us understanding of it as we observe these precious holy days and as we've now completed Passover and the days of unleavened bread and we're counting toward the feast of Pentecost father we continually pray for more understanding and deeper commitment and we pray father that through this study you would deepen our commitment to you and to Jesus Christ we ask your blessing on our study now in his holy name amen well let's begin with our study in Luke chapter 12 and will continue in verse 13 where we left off we finished up to verse 12 it says here in verse 13 then one from the crowd said to him teacher tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me and so there was some dispute that this young this man may be young man I would imagine if he's receiving inheritance that maybe he's the younger brother two brothers and so the inheritance goes to the older brother and he feels hard done by he feels that the brother should share this inheritance with him and so he goes to the rabbi that Jesus Christ to say can you please arbitrate can you please intervene for me and and plead my case

with my brother that he divided the inheritance with me but Christ said to him man who made me a judge or an arbiter over you and this harkens back to Moses you'll remember when Moses saw the two Israelite brethren fighting and he couldn't understand why they were fighting each other and in verse 13 of chapter 2 it says and when he went out on the second

a behold two Hebrew men were fighting and he said to the one who did the wrong why are you striking your companion or your brother and then he said this is the Israelite now to Moses who made you a prince and a judge over you over us do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian so Moses feared and said surely this thing is known so even though Moses identified himself with the Israelites and was trying to help them they didn't accept him and and a question who made you a judge over us and here now you have these Israelites coming to Christ and saying could you please judge this matter and Christ quotes this wall who made me a judge over you and just reminding them of their stiff nakedness towards the the law of God continuing in verse 15 and he said to him said to them so he now uses this dispute between these two brothers over the inheritance as a teaching moment as a teaching opportunity and he says to them based on their their willingness to fight each other and break down the family bond over this a worldly inheritance Christ now uses this as a teaching opportunity and he said to them beware take heed and beware of covetousness for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses so be careful you know you're fighting over these possessions but your life isn't in these

possessions and don't get confused don't get your priorities mixed up there's much more to your life than what you possess and so now trying to I wanted to elaborate on this he spoke a parable to them saying the ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully and he thought within himself so he just did extremely well he may be bought the right plot of land maybe he sowed effectively maybe he had good farming understanding but for whatever reason he did extremely well maybe they were just great weather that era who knows but he did extremely well and he he yielded plentifully and he thought within himself so this was his reaction to his bounty this was his reaction to his newfound game and you can see how human beings think were the same today he thought within himself saying what shall I do since I have no room to store my crops so you can imagine now he's he's trying to store everything in his barn and he's saying you know I'm actually running out of room what shall I do I have no room to store everything so he said I will do this ok so he doesn't say it's very interesting you know it doesn't say you know I have so much let me share with my brethren that I have plenty I see others who don't have need or who have neat i have more than what i need let me go ahead and share this abundance with my brethren know his focus is solely on himself he says here what shall i do and this is you know there's these two brothers were fighting over their inheritance and instead of the older brother being more than happy to share what he has he has this attitude of wanting to hoard it all to himself so Christ is saying to the younger brother beware your life does not consist of the

abundance of things that you possess  
your brother your brother may be doing  
well or he may think he's doing well he  
has lots of possessions but you need to  
focus on what I'm teaching you and what  
I'm teaching you is the kingdom of God  
and you need to commit yourself to the  
kingdom of God and whatever your brother  
has whether ensures that with you or not  
this is really irrelevant your focus  
should be on the kingdom of God so he  
warns them and he says beware that it's  
not in the things you possess so this  
man now is looking at his possessions  
and he's wondering what he shall do as  
he has no place to store his crops so  
he's wondering what to do with all of  
his possessions so he says what should I  
do what shall I do since I have no room  
to store my crops so he said to himself  
I will do this I will pull down my barns  
and build greater  
so so it's really interesting that his  
solution to this is simply to pull down  
his barns and build even bigger barns so  
that he can store everything so he says  
I will build greater and there I will  
store all my crops and my goods and I  
will say to my soul so you have many  
goods laid up for many years take your  
ease eat drink and be merry so there's a  
lot of people who think like this their  
focus is solely on this life on this  
world and amassing wealth in this world  
and clearly by analogy the older  
brother of these two brothers that are  
in conflict is thinking like this that  
it's all about this world in this life  
and it really has no vision of what's  
coming and Christ is using this as an  
opportunity to teach his disciples and  
this young man who is asking for help in  
the dispute to have a bigger vision a  
vision of what is real what is true and

what is real and what is the outcome  
what is the result of people who do not  
prioritize the kingdom of God and so he  
says here soul you have many goods laid  
up for many years it's all taken care of  
you know we're all good for for maybe  
for the next 10 15 20 years today maybe  
we're not a good cultural but we have  
bank accounts we have investments we  
have wealth and in various forms and we  
believe that you know what I'm good I'm  
well looked after and we're not thinking  
of sharing of looking after others are  
our wealth really is wrapped up in  
looking after ourselves and he says here  
so I'm going to say to my soul soul you  
have many goods laid up for many years  
take your ease you can relax now eat  
drink and be merry but we don't have  
control over our lives God said to him  
fool you you idiot you fool tonight your  
soul will be required of you then whose  
will those things be which you have  
provided

it so this is something that can happen  
to any of us none of us can shield  
ourselves from death none of us can  
shield ourselves from a sudden  
misfortune with our health whether  
through injury or a disease that we  
don't even know is coming upon us or  
death we don't have control over this  
and so to set our lives up in such a way  
that we only care about what is going on  
for us in this life this is a big big  
mistake this is a temporary life that  
can end at any moment we need to be  
thinking eternally what what is our  
status with God through eternity and  
this man wasn't this man wasn't thinking  
of this at all and in fact the brother  
was getting caught up in this kind of  
thinking as well and so fool tonight  
your soul will be required of you or

you're going to die tonight then when you die even though you were only thinking of yourself all this wealth that you've amassed who's the who's will those things be for which you've provided so you should have been thinking of others you were only thinking of yourself and now it's going to go to others the inheritance will be passed on maybe so the next breath the same brother that you were fighting that you wouldn't share anything with now that you're going to die all of its going to go to him anyway and so he says so is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God so really the question we need to be asking is where is our treasure or we there's nothing wrong with being wealthy but are you wealthy toward God and if we're wealthy toward God then we're going to manage our wealth in this world wisely we're going to be thinking of others we're going to have a charitable heart we're going to be willing to share with others but if we were not rich toward God that's going to manifest itself with a significant degree of self-centeredness and selfishness and here he says now in verse 22 then he said to his disciple so he was teaching everybody broadly and now he turns to his disciples and he says to them therefore I say to you do not worry about your life so our lives are in God's hands so he's now so first he was teaching multi he was teaching the multitude everyone around including the two brothers that came or the brother that came for him to resolve this dispute now so he takes that dispute as a teaching moment for everybody but now he turned to his disciples whom he has been teaching privately part of his

inner circle and so to the inner circle  
he says therefore I say to you do not  
worry about your life and this is coming  
on the heels of what he said in the  
beginning of chapter 12 that do not fear  
those who can kill the body but after  
they've done that that's all they can do  
it's also coming on the heels of the  
Lord's Prayer where he teaches us how to  
pray or he teaches his disciples how to  
pray and how to have this kingdom focus  
in our prayers and in our outlook rather  
than the way most people think is to  
have a focus on this world in this world  
only at any time we can lose our lives  
and so it's important that we are rich  
towards God so he says so therefore I  
say to you my disciples so to us by  
extension do not don't worry about your  
life what you will eat or what you will  
drink so he says do not worry about this  
nor about the body what you will put on  
so just don't worry about these things  
life and now we're talking about real  
life because the life that we're living  
now is governed by death at any moment  
death can come upon any one of us so  
we're really focused on life life means  
living forever if we don't have eternal  
life then we really don't have life  
where we have this temporary existence  
but eternal life real life is more than  
food and the body it's more than  
clothing it's much more than clothing  
there's another body that we're going to  
be given which is a glorious body and  
that's the body we really need to be  
striving toward and focusing on and so  
remember now in in Luke for what Christ  
said after he had defeated that or as he  
was defeating Satan is that it is  
written  
man shall not live by bread alone this  
is how we live by every word of God and

so if we're rich toward God it means that we're living by every word of God and that's what Christ did is he came the reason he was able to conquer what Satan was trying to do as he succeeded with Adam as he succeeded with Israel is to divert them from the Word of God to get them to break God's Word and therefore they could not access eternal life Christ came from heaven to earth specifically with the purpose to obtain eternal life for Israel and so in order to do that he had to live by every word of god and that's that's what He fulfilled and this now now that he's done it and led the way he's the author of our salvation he's the pioneer of our salvation we must now follow in his footsteps and we must now live by every word of God and that's how we become rich toward God continuing then in louth 12 and verse 24 he says to us here to consider the Ravens he says think about the Ravens these are God's creation they neither sow nor reap they they neither sow nor reap and which they don't have any storehouse or barn so this this brother is saying I'm going to build a new barn and just throw everything but look at the Ravens they don't have a storehouse they don't have a barn and God feeds them and this is how he wants his disciples to think that we are his his precious creation and if he looks after the ravens he's gonna look after as he says of how much more value are you than the birds and which of you by worrying so if you now are worried which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature so you know you can worry all you want but can you make yourself taller can can you look at your body and say you know what I'm not as tall as I'd like to be so I'm going to make myself



taller we can't do this so so he's  
saying to us you know if you can't do  
that then you really just depend on  
so which of you by worrying can add one  
cubit to his stature if you then are not  
able to do the least why are you anxious  
for the rest so if you can't control  
your own body your own creation why are  
you worried about things that you have  
absolutely no control over you can't  
control anything else but God controls  
everything so if you're being recruited  
if you're a disciple of God and you are  
being recruited into this kingdom  
purpose you've got to understand how  
special you are to God and that even the  
hair on your heads even the hairs on  
your head hopefully don't have multiple  
heads the hair on your head is numbered  
and God is completely aware of  
everything about you and so he's saying  
don't be like this fool who's fighting  
over his worldly inheritance because he  
just wants to make sure that he is taken  
care of and we see people like this  
every day they're just completely  
consumed with themselves and they have  
no control over themselves God can take  
their soul at any time and so if we have  
if we don't have this control then let's  
just relinquish this control to our  
loving father who we know has total  
control and so this is what he wants to  
us as disciples to understand and then  
he goes on to say that you know not only  
should we so if you cannot add anything  
to your statue if you're not able to do  
the least why are you anxious for the  
rest so first we're to consider the  
Ravens consider the birds how they don't  
have a storehouse they don't have a barn  
and they're not worried about building a  
bigger barn and yet every single day  
they're looked after then he tells us

from there to look at to look at the  
lilies consider to consider now that  
means to ponder to meditate upon the  
lilies how they grow and they neither  
toil nor spin and yet I say to you even  
Solomon King Solomon in all his glory  
when he actually had all the the kingly  
robes on and was there to really present  
himself

was the glorious king of Israel maybe  
he's entertaining foreign guests that  
when you see a Solomon in all his glory  
he was not arrayed like one of these so  
he goes on to say now if then God so  
clothed the grass which today is in the  
field and tomorrow is thrown in the oven  
so that's it like when when this grass  
is thrown in the oven that is the end of  
the existence of that grass how much  
more will he clothe you who have eternal  
life in you you who will have the Holy  
Spirit who will be going into the  
kingdom of God and existing with God  
forever how much more will God look  
after you how much what more will he  
clothe you oh you of little faith and  
and consistently are or we repeatedly  
through the Scriptures we see Christ  
grieving over the lack of faith of his  
disciples and this is something that we  
need to learn to pray for each other  
that we will develop this deep faith in  
God this deep trust in our Father and  
remember in lucas he was teaching the  
disciples to pray in verse 11 he reminds  
us that you know if a son asks for bread  
from any father among you will he give  
him a stone or if he asked for a fish  
will he give him a serpent instead of a  
fish and so we need to just trust God  
don't don't worry whatever happens if we  
are in this kingdom purpose if we are  
part of this Christian army that is  
proclaiming the Word of God whatever

comes to us our Father is watching over us and for some of us we will have to face hardship but see beyond this life do you see the kingdom people are not caught up with what they see in this world and they trust their loving father look how God dresses the lilies look how he dresses the lilies and they only exist for a very brief moment in time and then they go out of existence they they never come back into existence we on the other hand even if we die we are coming back into existence and we are coming back into existence forever and so whatever happens we have this forever view we are looking through the lens of eternity not like this brother who is fighting with his younger brother over his inheritance we and Christ is telling the younger brother looked through the lens of eternity look through the lens of the kingdom of God continuing in Luke 12 and do not seek this is now a command this is in the imperative do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink nor have an anxious mind so so it's easy to just get anxious that's what this younger brother did he sees all the inheritance going to the older brother he's now wondering well how will I survive but Christ is really saying to him if you're one of my disciples if you are if you've been recruited into the army of God if you are part of this this army that is proclaiming the kingdom and you are you are preparing for life in the kingdom don't have this anxiety so don't be like your brother who is just only calculating what goes on in this life instead have this kingdom view and be at peace for all these things the nations of the world seek after so again there's this conflict between our two kingdoms

there's the kingdom of Satan or their  
their Satan the god of this world and  
all the kingdoms of this world remember  
in Luke for he offered all the kingdoms  
of this world to Christ so all the  
kingdoms of this world are under Satan  
and now Christ comes down from heaven to  
introduce the kingdom of God something  
that Israel should have done something  
that Adam should have done but he failed  
something that Israel should have done  
but they failed and now Christ is coming  
to ensure that this gets done and indeed  
it got done because Christ live by every  
word of God and so he is now and that's  
what he said in Luke for when he quoted  
Isaiah today this scripture has been  
fulfilled in your hearing and so that  
was signaling to the  
that the kingdom of God is now upon you  
and that's why he was doing all the  
healing that's why he was releasing the  
oppressed he was exercising he was  
looking out for everybody all the  
Israelites that came to him for either  
healing or to be released from the  
bondage of the devil to give them this  
preview of the kingdom of God and to let  
them know that the kingdom of God has  
come upon them so here he says then  
these are the nation's and they can make  
anam they can dress themselves up with  
religious talk they can dress themselves  
up with religious garb and they can they  
can try to sound spiritual but what  
we'll see in all of these false  
religions is a hoarding of wealth a way  
of taxing people a way of extracting  
wealth from people and building up their  
treasures even even a you know you look  
at Fidel Castro who clearly was very  
secular atheist communist and you know  
we need wealth for the people we we  
need to everybody needs to share in the

wealth we can't have a capitalist system where only a few are wealthy and a lot of poor we need to make sure that everyone is looked after and wealth is distributed equally well when he died the Cuban people were impoverished and he died with a personal wealth of under of just under a billion dollars 900 something million u.s. dollars so how did that work out and so whether it's religion or politics or whatever it is that the human being is like that older brother in the dispute we hoard wealth we want to look after ourselves we don't really care about others and so that's the this this then you know these people build up these nations and all they want is tax and money and wealth and Christ is saying that's what these nations seek after but we are part of a new kingdom with an upper completely a polar opposite way of thinking and being and so we cannot be like the nations of this world and your father knows that you need these things so that's why we pray here

in Luke 11 remember when he taught us the Lord's Prayer he's giving us this kingdom focus but he's also saying to us pray like this give us day by day our daily bread so we need this manner give us our bread to each day look after us so now we don't have to worry we've asked for it it's in God's hands he knows we need it we need to keep our focus on performing the will of God he says here but seek the kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you and now this is where again abuse can enter into the Christian world in fact it does from this week at the the health and wealth gospel where people are saying you know if you so into me you know touch touch your screen touch

your computer screen and pray with me and send me your money and for every hundred dollars that you send me God is going to send you a thousand and if you send me a thousand God is going to send you ten thousand so go ahead and send me all your money this is hoarding this is the Nate this is an extension of Satan's Kingdom where people are now using the name of Christ to extract money from you know this is not the way we think at all so he says you know these things shall be added he didn't say when in fact when they will be added categorically and without any doubt is when we inherit the kingdom so we have to really let go of this world trust God that he'll give us what we need in this world but this is Satan's world and our entire focus is on Christ world when Christ ushers in his kingdom and certainly if we read here in Romans 8 verse 16 that the spirit himself or itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God we are the children of god we have eternity in us and if we're children then we are heirs heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ in other words everything that Christ inherits and Colossians tells us that all things were created for him so everything that he inherits we inherited with him so all these things will be added to us for sure no doubt about it we are joint heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with him so in this life we may be deprived in this life we may suffer indeed all those who desire godly in Christ shall suffer persecution so we're thinking oh I'm going to live godly in Christ and now all kinds of wealth is going to be added to me how disappointed we will be when we face deprivation for the name of Christ and

we may even be willing then to forsake Christ because we're thinking we should be blessed we should get that new home we should get that new car we should get that flat screen TV we should get that new gadget and so forth deprived were shocked but we should have the mindset that God knows what we need and our focus is on the kingdom and when we are in the kingdom we will inherit everything with Christ but on a day-to-day basis we trust God to give us what we need and whatever he gives us we're happy and we're grateful the cup is always half full never half empty so he says if indeed we suffer with him that we may also be glorified together do not fear a little flock don't be afraid so again fifth faith and fear don't dwell together it's a it's one or the other either were fearful or we're faithful and so we just any grieved over and over about the lack of faith so let us not grieve our Lord let us have that full cup of faith in our Father and in Christ or do not fear don't be afraid little flock so notice that this verse comes on the heels of all these things will be added to you and then he says do not fear little flock for it's your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom so clearly we should have this view that we will inherit everything with Christ in the kingdom and whatever happens in this life with it you would in in Satan's world it's fine we're satisfied where we don't expect anything anything that we do receive we're happy with it and we know that God is going to look after ass day by day but we will inherit all things with Christ and God wants to give us the kingdom it's his good pleasure to give us the kingdom then he says to his disciples sell what

you have and give arms so we have this brother that the passage begins with this brother who's selfishly hoarding then Christ goes into the parable to say what kind of mindset this is where you know what I've got so much unlooked after for the next 10 20 25 40 50 years unlooked out

I'm good let's see what shall I do I'll break down the barns that I have and I'll build even bigger so I can store everything so I can look after myself that's the natural mindset and Christ is saying we cannot have that mindset have the opposite sell what you have and look after others think of others knowing that God is going to look after you provide for yourselves money bags which do not grow old so so focus on the again that looking through the lens of the kingdom focus on the long-term view we're playing the long game not the short game provide for yourself money bags which do not grow old a treasure in the heavens that does not fail where no thief approaches nor moth destroys so even if he built these big barns you know he's going to create envy all around and people could break into those barns they could set them on fire they could steal whatever but here this treasure if we are rich towards God if we're living by every word of God no thief can approach this and no moth can destroy this wealth now where your treasure is there your heart will be also it's just natural so this brother again the passage opens up with the brother a complaining about his older brother not sharing the inheritance well that older brother's heart is in his wealth his physical wealth and when he dies he's completely cut off from God so the advice to the younger brother is is



build your treasure toward the kingdom  
because as you see yourself building  
your treasure towards the kingdom and  
Daniel tells us those who turn many to  
righteousness shall shine like the stars  
in heaven and the Christ tells us that  
no man likes a lamp and puts it under a  
bushel know if he likes the lamp he puts  
it so that others can see it so others  
can see the way and so as you see the  
Holy Spirit working in you and God using  
you to turn others to righteousness you  
begin realizing wow i'm creating  
richness toward god i'm creating wealth  
toward God God promises that as I turn  
many to righteousness  
I'm going to shine like the stars in  
heaven and so you begin to get excited  
about about what you're going to inherit  
with Christ but if we're living  
hypocritically if we're not really  
building towards God if we're not  
building this wealth then we don't  
really care we don't really care we care  
about our wealth here we're checking our  
bank accounts and we're checking our  
investment portfolio and that's where  
our treasure is so we must be rich  
towards God and again I'm not saying  
that there's anything wrong with wealth  
wealth is good wealth is energy we can  
do a lot with wealth if we have the  
right heart and problem with the older  
brother is his heart was selfish his  
heart was corrupted and only cared about  
himself so here what God wants is that  
we look after others in even this advice  
here in verse 33 where he saying sell  
what you have and give alms I don't  
think necessarily that that applies to  
us today right now it may in the near  
future but it certainly applied to the  
disciples that the apostles that were  
with Christ and that had to be an

extension of his ministry so for them they needed to sell everything give alms and focus on proclaiming this Gospel message for us we need to be balanced and we need to make sure that we are tied in faithfully we're bringing our offerings to God faithfully and we're looking after those who have needed that the scripture says to work hard so that you have so that you can share with others rather than being like a thief who's coveting what others have so now we come to this very interesting passage in verse 35 which in the New King James it says let your waist be girded and your lamps burning I think in the in the old in the original King James it says gird up your loins and pastor Murray who's who's joined us this evening he gave a sermon on this topic what does it mean to gird up your loins and it's something that I didn't understand and when he gave the sermon it that just my eyes opened like now I understood what that means to gird up your loins and so I've asked him to join us tonight to share with us what this means to gird up your loins

hi

you

you

absolutely and that's and that we are wearing

you

in trespasses and sins in which you once walked according to the course of this world according to the Prince of the power of the air and you touch them that throughout the last level estates could be power of the ivor sir trying to successfully convincing attitude to directives if she does it increase in power point the adversary atmosphere and now works in the sons of disobedience

among whom also we are advanced  
conducted ourselves in the lusts of our  
flesh fulfilling the desires of the  
flesh and of the mind I work by nature  
children of Wrath just as the others so  
these are anonymous what we used to be  
like before we made this commitment  
before me have been dwelling of the Holy  
Spirit and how we served ourselves serve  
their own tears and really we are we  
remain in a battle of wills and even  
though we've been made a new person in  
Christ the adversary still has not given  
up the hot sauce and in fact I point i'm  
also here he works in people he works  
with people who have committed their way  
to a life of disobedience to work  
against us that and continuously comes  
out there that we used to be like them  
where he puts of just as the others but  
we don't we are cause we talked about  
that last week when we talk about the  
difference between holy in common we are  
called beholding we are called not to be  
just as the others are and the Holy  
Spirit types us to overcome our natural  
inclinations to focus on ourselves as  
human beings and if you rightly pointed  
out of previous studies we just  
naturally want to serve ourselves  
several here sir desires an adversary  
rather over the abductors pilot for our  
minds and it's our bus speaks to me more  
in the sense of why we can be merciful  
to others because in a sense they have  
no choice they've been captured by the  
devil their minds have been taken over a  
program by the devil we have to see  
beyond the human being and realize that  
we wrestle not with flesh and blood well  
that's very true  
that really helps us have a spirit of  
mercy when we realized there really is  
only one adversary another Satan the

devil everybody else is just a tool that he had captured and who uses to in this battle for world continuing on let's go to first Peter chapter 1 and I can returning there other destructive set up the context what Peter really has this junior in his First Epistle and remind everybody was ready to push to Christians who is fled from Jerusalem this is called a dispersion orbit I store and this was the reason for the attentiveness letter he was writing to these things that had fled Jerusalem in the midst of persecution and they work you tuned to go through persecution and you tell them here in Busch 13 of first Peter one well I place Air Force Tier one verse 13 to be prepared for battle for the control of mind he prepares a battle for the control of the mind and in when we're talking about the control of the minus really where our hearts and our minds are focused are you focused on the kingdom or are we focused on ourselves before a Reaper speaker I'd like to go to that slice that describes you learn what good in your room you see if there's sound yeah so now there's sound on this just give me a second here and i'll just see what's happening I don't know why we're not getting sound on that one slide it should be here yeah that looks like its sound now so we looks like we have sound now I just now just wait for confirmation let's just wait till we get confirmation on this slide yes yeah I think I think we're good numbers up okay go ahead so you sorry just just go back again Marie to this tunic is what the way they would dress common land you were saying that it would actually interfere with some activities as you can imagine and again

as I mentioned the our sisters who wear dresses and shirts would be able to attest to how long songs on us like that would inhibit movement so this is a way for them to to prepare themselves for battle prepare themselves for for the movement of battle the battle is required by basically hi connect business flowing spreading it into two wrapping it around and then tuck you in to a front sash it was pretty much with then as you see in the fifth slide there the sixth part of the picture there it now becomes almost like shorts like they're not going doesn't might become shorten is there are completely fruits and move at will to face whatever whatever battles there are not highly the Warriors turn during this time what would operate it was certainly an analogy of Christ jumped on when he and used in order to effect to have to understand how to prepare for battle so so Peter sorry but so Peter was receiving this instruction from Christ he fully got it and now he's passing it on to his his disciples correct backing on

Sam again similar sort of contest and as what price was trying to convey here these are persecuted Christians who are our battering the speed battering this the ballot walls between their own their own fear was just keeping up their their mind and focus on the kingdom of God and Peter said therefore gird up the loins of your mind be sober and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ well you know sorry I'm sorry Marie that sounds like exactly what Christ was talking to them about in Luke 12 absolutely yes forget it yourselves if you keep your faces on the

kingdom of God whatever whatever it  
takes for us to to make it their values  
what values where our focus needs to be  
so that I felt the pain forgettable  
personal hardship what you want you to  
go through that and it's it's limited  
paying for a small amount of time in  
order to receive the glory that that  
will come up with the kingdom of God he  
tailed in verse 14 as obedient children  
not conforming yourselves to the finger  
lusts acting of ignorance so again  
calling to mind always popular but there  
is a difference between us being clearly  
being called a Paragon and head of  
Christ and meaning that we used to be  
which is just like everybody else just  
like the older brother there who  
received the inheritance and he's just  
lusting over it even in fact both of  
them were lusting over it in their  
ignorance of the kingdom of God  
absolutely and again there are simple  
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remember in one point and we must be  
merciful and not to other reason that we  
want to batter here and so that we can  
we can show others who are victims of  
the adversary that there is a better way  
to live continuing off but at heat for  
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holding in your conduct because it was  
written be holy for I am holy so this  
burning up the loins of your mind is not  
a physical battle but it's about the  
power of the mind and  
and being ready to to tap into the Holy  
Spirit to help us maintain can maintain  
our focus on the kingdom and not not not  
to come to to the bow the adversary  
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control us there's our focus on the T  
demoulas rack or is it on ourselves  
roots we do this as we talked about last

week by remembering that we have been prior to be different we can come to be to behold we used to be like everyone else so it never really mattered what we did before that it matters now and we just come through to pass over and feast 11 breath we're reminded of the need to be different you need to be home and because for one reason only because Christ died for us therefore we must be different therefore we must be roe and as we are now in the pre contacts period is known as the face of weeks it becomes out on one point that we need to third after them and let them we gained during the festival season last week and continue to put off the old person and put on the line Christ in preparation for Pentecost where we rehearse the birth of the church and the distribution of the Holy sphere and we ask that why is the side why is this important so why we rehearse this that we do not succumb to the average there in style of our mind all over this battle a world this battle for us to maintain focus on making that not succumb to our own to the adversary or help tackle your fears attempted to our paint app that you are hurt so now the question becomes what can we do to prepare how do we get up the ones of our lives and that's where we go back to the eyes and Ephesians chapter 6 for he talks about the armor back and the end but quickly go there diffusion 6 and verse 10 where I already have expected to us back in shock or two about the tiger sir that is that will continue  
crescent rolls finally my Trevor so he puts a step on this letter to to the Weathermen emphasis be strong in the Lord and in the power of his life Christ as well see as well see later he puking

direct his own his own he can go to himself because he has got we we don't have that advantage we need to take advantage and exactly be blessing the gift of the Holy Spirit to to to tap into that strength put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil other by ourselves that the holy sir we're power per se the embalmer forsaken and we and we can just look back at our past lives and see and then see that he continues for we do not wrestle against flesh and blood this is not a physical palace is you know physical warriors that that we're talking about here Christ is taking this up a notch against principalities against powers against the rulers of executive this age against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places therefore because the campus especially needs a gym battle for us connect the whole armor of God out of it the Union be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to spend so there will come a time when we will be accountable for letting them and we want you to stand up for that if they're not be now that need to prepare them out where that we are living me somewhat more easing lifestyle put on that armor armor right now prepare your minds for those decisions they make the decision make the big decisions now to stand up for that never betray Christ so they beget YouTube goes into this this armor back and he said they're awkward stands and therefore having girded your waist with hood so we see what burning your points during your waist needs its preparing for battle and as we've seen here is preparing your mind for battle here but if he gives was serving your waist



McGirt it with truth white leader of the truth because the truth set us free we discuss how burning house own reasons from restrictions and then I'll just affect this on battle we take that physical analogy and our side to this modern world and the truth of God frees us from conflict there's no debate on let me counter can't do you know the date on what we should or shouldn't do it becomes very clear where are no restrictions there is no conflict in an easy to know what we need to do no lets you know those right was expected of us and that lies with the end force and i SPECT to keep them but at the end America's regardless of whatever little bit of pain and temporary discomfort we have to go through in 15 min of that risk it was all we need to review this matter corrosion rate and to be proactive for God and we see that the very first thing put on is true because the troops that was free to you I mean he continues on through with the mega aspects of the armor by four-time state where that you let the folks will through that for themselves and might be what the study sometime in the future but it makes exact number 17 and see that to prepare the bottle we took into conflicts that we had one offensive weapon and that is the word of God take the helmet of salvation and the serve of the Spirit which is the word of God so the sort of the spirit an offensive weapon here is the word of that and that is the source of that River so we we grew up there once we prepare sensor for battle with truth and that truth comes from the word of god which makes these studies that we're going to continue to study the Word of God and end and reap reap the wisdom from Christ all the more

important as time continues on this as these days approach spending their Bibles and and getting into that and becoming strong in the work becomes an award for their Peter all

Christ preached us that they really got it what they went through all of their tribes persecutions and they were there for those who now needed the encouragement and the stability and the strength that came from their experience and also we need to do as well as we can experience we gain strength and stability we can be rare for others and encourage them to their child and person persecution as well that's really back to the chapter 12 that is really what what Christ I remind here when he was encouraging them to better way see whether figure that their way there won't that's brilliant and again as you're talking I'm just seeing again this collision between these two kingdoms we have the the kingdom of God and also the kingdom of Satan and we are in battle against the kingdom of Satan and we should not be deceived we should not be fooled we should not be distracted we should be totally Kingdom focused and as you were talking brother Murray about the Word of God being that sort of the spirit the Word of God is a living word and you were saying that we have to be studying we have to be studying because what comes out of the word today is not the same as what would come out of the word ten years ago and so if we studied you know yeah I've read the Gospel of Luke I read it 10 years ago or 20 years ago and we're not reading it today we're not getting the life-giving force that can come out of the word of God today and so I think I love what you said there that the truth

sets us free and so here he says you know not only should we gird up our loins and be readily ready for that battle but also our lamps need to be burning and so that combination of being those lamps that God can put on display and because we're on display to understand that we're engaged in battle tho those wolves are going to come and so our loins need to be girded and ready for battle and in fact as we just can wrap up here this girding the loins also harkens back to the original passover where he where the way they had to eat the Passover with their loins girded so thus shall you eat it with a belt on your waist and sandals on your feet and staff in your hand social you eat it in haste it is the Lord's Passover so that belt on your waist is your loins girded and so not only is it loins girded for battle but it's also loins girded ready to run ready to run into and flee Egypt the kingdom of Satan and flee toward the Promised Land so we need to be that Kingdom ready we're kingdom ready so that as soon as it's time to to inherit the kingdom we're ready it's not like oh is it time to inherit the kingdom oh I don't have oil in my lamp and my loins are girded I need to be ready no they needed to be ready and ready to move in haste and that's again to have this this kingdom focus and again the reminder that when our when our lamp is lit God is going to put it on a lampstand so that it can give light to all and in terms of this Passover I gave a sermon on the last day of unleavened bread on the second Exodus and to really understand this loins girded and the allusion to the Exodus and the second Exodus which is coming I'll post this

sermon for those that are interested on understanding the second exes and a lot of people come to me and tell me afterward they had never heard of the second Exodus and so that would be very helpful to understand that so he says here let your waist be girded and your lamps burning and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master so so the loins girded is is the battle that pastor Murray explained to us but it's also this readiness of mind ready to take the kingdom while when when the master comes when he will return from the wedding that when he comes and knocks they're ready they may open to him immediately so that's again the first Passover they were ready so when it's time to flee Egypt and go towards the promised land they would be ready and we need to have this this readiness whereas the older brother to know his soul was required of him and he wasn't ready blessed are those servants whom the master when he comes will find watching assuredly I say to you that he that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat and we'll come and serve them and I don't know customer if you want to just comment on that versatile with the the master himself will gird himself sure mine will read that again as I mentioned that as we were closing off the feed six portion we see that that question can a even hurt himself this time was that he can hurt himself because he has gone we can't and all I had launched us to to lean on the Holy Spirit and to tap into that power the apparel things that come to mind as we read that is crazy entire focus is the marriage feast she is letting himself for his bride who is us and he wants us to equally and ready

ourselves for the groom those of us who have been married and gone through through the writing process we can remember the anticipation from both sides and how there was a long process to get ready everything had to be just perfect for our way how much more perfect and ready should we be for the marriage feast and the other another another thing that we see here as well his Christ mindset is one of service as he prepares himself for his wedding to his bride he is all about hurting himself to serve us and this really calls to my the Passover he check with his disciples you know where did he come and symbols were changed so he said I desired to eat this and where my young until the came of that he is looking forward to eating again with his bride and and he was so focused on his neck sheath we must if we have this same focus the battle of mine is one there will be building no issue we will tap into knowledge that our minds will be girded will be ready and waiting like like he expected testing of Israel at first I so as you've mentioned so if we prepare ourselves maintain control of my mind to completely focus on this nerve supper the kingdom of God we will partake is at peace with our master but it requires complete focus and being prepared at all times so that won't be is right we're way and again where our treasure is that's where our heart will be so if our loins are girded and we're completely focused on the kingdom of God and we're just ready I think there's a low I think when I was younger and not married I was sort of had this desire to get married and was hoping the kingdom wouldn't come too soon so that I'd have time to be married

we really have to have this focus where if the kingdom does come suddenly we're ready and that's where the loins are girded for battle and also this readiness to take the kingdom and so just finishing off here Murray says verse 38 and I loved what you said about his his service mindset that clearly you see that there then in verse 38 and if he should come in the second watch or come in the third watch and find them so blessed are those servants so again going back to the older brother where the passage began who was just amassing wealth for himself and then when his soul was required of him he was completely unready whereas for us our loins are girded and and when he comes we were not sure when he comes he's coming like a thief in the night and so we don't know when he'll come when the kingdom will be upon us and when everything is just going to unravel suddenly and where do we see this tribulation coming first but it's going to come suddenly whether it's in the second watch or the third watch when it comes our loins are girded and he finds us this way we are blessed eternally blessed but no they are my fishing come earlier why I memory yeah exactly exactly right right on that's the kingdom mindset this is but know this that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come so again the elder brother who had all of this inheritance he didn't know when the thief was coming and so and so if we had known if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come he would not have he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into so you know we've got to be building our house on Christ on the rock and so

whenever he comes we're watching our  
loins are girded are  
lamps are burning and we are just ready  
we're just so kingdom consumed so  
Kingdom focused we are just ready and so  
he says here therefore you also be ready  
so we want to be like this good  
householder who is keeping watch because  
you know the thief is coming he just  
doesn't know when we know the kingdom is  
coming it's real it's real it's reality  
it's coming we just don't know when we  
know this tribulation is coming we just  
don't know when and so we're watching  
we're seeing the signs our loins are  
girded our lamps are burning therefore  
you also be ready the Son of Man is  
coming at an hour you do not expect that  
is quite a warning customer that's quite  
a warning to say he is coming this whole  
day of the Lord and this whole  
unraveling of Satan's Kingdom and the  
establishment of Christ's Kingdom it's  
all going to happen very suddenly and  
those who are ready already and again  
we're going to enter into the kingdom  
and if those who are not ready well  
their soul is going to be required of  
them suddenly and unfortunately that's  
going to end in disaster exactly we can  
never say we weren't warned we can never  
say we didn't have resources available  
to us to help us build up our spiritual  
strength of our spiritual resources  
pasta Maria want to thank you so much  
for joining us tonight I apologize to  
you for the technical difficulties I  
apologize to our our viewing audience  
for the technical difficulties we are  
not some sort of multi-million dollar  
corporation that has multiple resources  
doing all of this this is really a  
spirit lead and kind of a one-man band  
here on the technical side so please

pray for us help us to make use of this technology effectively and help us as we proclaim this kingdom and nourish those who are interested in want to understand that the word of God that were able to do so pastor Marie thank you so much for joining us brethren thanks for joining us I will post the link to this sermon the second Exodus which is a critical for us to understand it's throughout the scriptures and it really helps us have this kingdom focus i'll post that on facebook and i'll post it in the chat as well and pastor maria hope you'll join me on the chat now as we exchanged a few words with the brethren so brethren our Lord is coming the kingdom of God is real there's two people there's two kinds of people there are the kingdom ready people whose loins are girded as pastor Murray explained to us all what that means our minds are ready to do battle and to take the kingdom and our lamps are burning so the dog can set us on Anna's lamp stand and give light and show where where the truth can be found and then there are those who are distracted by the cares of this world and they allow the cares of this world to choke them we cannot afford to be in that camp so let us make sure that our loins are girded our lamps are burning and we're looking forward to the kingdom of our Lord and Savior and let's now continue to count towards the feast of Pentecost and celebrate this firstfruits harvest goodnight one and all will see you on the chat for those of you who can join Jesus Christ is our God he's our King he's our husband may he bless you bless us as we count towards Pentecost god bless and good night