

MATTHEW



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Matthew Week 38

Text: Matthew 25:1-30

Three Words to Change Your Life

The Parable of the Bridesmaids

Wise and Foolish

Passive _____ or Active Preparation

No one else can _____ for you.

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

Comparison trap

Stewardship of what you have

“Come Holy Spirit”

What is the role of the Spirit?

The Spirit makes Jesus _____

The Spirit remakes broken and sinful human beings into genuine image bearers, reflecting God into the world.

The Spirit gives Jesus’s followers _____ and _____ for God’s mission in the world, and for the personal vocations which contribute to that.

Evidence of the Spirit

Power and _____

Comfort and Guidance

_____ and Leadership

Study Notes

These word studies invite deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit. The first is an adjective describing the Spirit. The second associated with the Spirit's presence and activity.

παράκλητος

Transliteration: paraklétos

Definition: Advocate, Helper, Comforter, Counselor

Meaning: (a) an advocate, intercessor, (b) a consoler, comforter, helper, (c) Paraclete.

Word Origin: Derived from the Greek verb παρακαλέω (parakaleó), meaning "to call to one's side," "to summon," or "to comfort."

Corresponding Greek / Hebrew Entries: The Hebrew equivalent often associated with the concept of "paraklétos" is מְנַחֵם (menachem), meaning "comforter" or "consoler," though there is no direct one-to-one correspondence in the Old Testament.

Usage: The term "paraklétos" is used in the New Testament to describe someone who is called to aid, support, or intercede on behalf of another. In a legal context, it refers to an advocate or legal assistant. In a broader sense, it signifies a helper or comforter who provides encouragement and support. In the New Testament, "paraklétos" is primarily used to describe the Holy Spirit, who acts as a divine helper and guide for believers.

Cultural and Historical Background: In ancient Greek culture, a "paraklétos" was someone who provided legal assistance or advocacy, akin to a modern-day lawyer or legal counselor. This role extended beyond legal matters to include any form of support or encouragement. In the context of the New Testament, the term takes on a spiritual dimension, emphasizing the Holy Spirit's role in guiding, comforting, and advocating for believers in their spiritual journey.

εἰρήνη

Transliteration: eiréné

Definition: Peace

Meaning: peace, peace of mind; invocation of peace a common Jewish farewell, in the Hebraistic sense of the health (welfare) of an individual.

Word Origin: Derived from the primary verb εἶρω (eirō), meaning "to join" or "to tie together into a whole."

Corresponding Greek / Hebrew Entries: - 7965. οὐρανός (shalom): Often translated as peace, completeness, welfare, or safety. - 7999. οὐρανός (shalem): To be complete or sound.

Usage: In the New Testament, "eiréné" primarily denotes a state of tranquility, harmony, and well-being. It is used to describe both the absence of conflict and the presence of positive blessings, such as safety, prosperity, and spiritual peace. The term is often associated with the peace that comes from a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ, as well as the peace that believers are called to maintain with one another.

Cultural and Historical Background: In the Greco-Roman world, "eiréné" was commonly understood as the absence of war and conflict, a concept highly valued in a time of frequent military campaigns. However, the biblical concept of peace extends beyond mere absence of strife to encompass a holistic sense of well-being and fulfillment. In the Hebrew tradition, this aligns with the concept of "shalom," which includes completeness, soundness, and welfare. The New Testament writers, influenced by this rich Hebrew understanding, present "eiréné" as a divine gift, often linked to the work of Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.