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Topic: The Eternal Kingdom

Scripture text: Luke 13:22-30

1. The eternal kingdom will be ruled by the Lord Jesus Christ during His second coming. All believers will enter the kingdom of God and dwell in His presence for eternity. On the other hand, unbelievers will burn in hell for eternity.

2. It is only by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ can sinners be saved. Man cannot be saved by their good works. There will be few that enter the kingdom of God because the gate to enter heaven is narrow. There is only one way - through the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence, we must agonise and be sure that we have sincerely received Christ as our personal Saviour. A Christian is characterised by one whose life is transformed by the Word of God and conforms to the image of Christ.

3. The time to be saved is now, when we are alive. The door of salvation is shut once we are dead. Those who believe in Jesus Christ shall never die, but shall enter into God's kingdom. The kingdom of God was within reach to those who heard the gospel, yet chose not to enter in when they rejected Jesus Christ. Some may profess to be Christians yet serve God with selfish and sinful motives. They have not truly experienced salvation grace and will be rejected by God and cast into hell.

4. Israel, the chosen nation of God, who first received the gospel rejected the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence, the gospel was preached to the Gentiles who received Christ readily. The first or last to receive the gospel will be saved nonetheless.