

LUKE I Parable of the 10 Servants

Text: Luke 19:11-27

Called to Serve the King

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1. Jesus is about to enter Jerusalem
and there were still many misunderstanding of the Kingdom
2. some thought Jesus would be enthroned as king as soon as he entered the city
3. But Jesus is not entering the city to receive a CROWN—but to die on a CROSS
4. So Jesus gives a parable to help us understand the nature of His kingdom—
and to be watchful and faithful until He returns

I. PARABLE OF THE 10 SERVANTS

A. THE KING—The Nobleman who becomes King (v.11-12)

1. **THE NOBLEMAN leaves for a far country to receive a kingdom**
 - a) They would've understood this because this is how the Roman Empire Operated
 - b) Herod the Great had no right to rule unless it had been given by Rome
 - c) When Herod Died he left the kingdom to be divided and ruled by his four sons
 - d) But they had no right to rule unless it had been given by Rome
 - e) When Jesus Stood Before Pilate—
 - Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me?"
 - Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"
 - Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me, unless it had been given you from above."
2. **Jesus is the nobleman who went to a far country to receive a Kingdom**
 - a) Jesus Christ, the Descendent of Abraham, of David, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah...
 - b) Jesus is entering Jerusalem—NOT to receive a Crown but to die on a Cross
 - c) But after He was crucified He was raised from the dead and ascended to heaven
 - d) to become King and sit at the Right Hand of God

B. THE TRUST—The King Entrusts His Servants (v.13)

1. **But before leaving to receive a kingdom—He Entrusts His servants**
 - a) He entrusts them with a gift of 1 Mina each... (KJV: POUND)
 - b) A Mina is estimated to be worth about 3 months salary / equal to 100 days work
 - c) His instruction: "*Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'* (v.13 NIV)
2. **POINT: The King has entrusted us to be faithful servants of His Gifts**
 - a) He has Given us the GIFT OF GRACE
 - b) The Gift of His **Holy Word** / The Gift of the **Holy Spirit**
 - c) The Gift of **New Life** / The Gift of **Eternal Life**
 - d) The Gift of **the Gospel** / The Gift of **His Son!** (Ephesians 2:10)

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was the price of grace—the price paid just so you could be forgiven!**

C. THE DELEGATION—The citizens who hate the King (v.14)

1. The citizens hated this man and sent a delegation saying,

‘We will not have this man to reign over us.’

- a) This was a protest delegation to preemptively undermine the authority of the King!
- b) They HATED Him! and Wanted Nothing to Do With Him!
- c) Those hearing this parable would’ve known this has happened before...
 - (1) **EX: When Herod the great died** he left his territory to be divided and ruled between his four sons. Archelaus was designated the territory of Jerusalem.
 - (2) **But Jewish rulers sent a delegation** of 50 Jewish statesmen to Rome to tell Augustus Ceaser they didn’t want Archelaus to rule over them as king of jews
 - (3) It didn’t make a difference, because Ceasar made him king anyway
- d) **But their Hatred of Roman Rulers was Nothing Compared to their Hatred of Jesus!**
 - (1) They Were So Defiant Against Christ they told Pilate:
“We have no king but Caesar!”
 - (2) When Pilate said I wash my hands of this innocent man, they said,
His blood be on us and on our children.
 - (3) When Pilate nailed the charge against Jesus, above Him on the Cross:
‘Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews’ they were offended and said:
“Do not write the king of the jews...”

2. The Delegation FAILED—JESUS IS KING Right Now!

- a) He has been given All Authority in Heaven and on earth
- b) He is on His Throne at the Right Hand of God Right Now!
- c) This Was Prophesied a 1000 years before it took place! **(Daniel 7:9–18)**

3. Jesus is King—whether people like it or not—And SOME DO NOT!

—But All the human delegations of history cannot stop the reign of Christ!

- a) The Communist Manifesto / Humanist Manifesto / Atheist Manifesto...
- b) The Klaus Schuab Reset; The Davos Elites; or the UN,
- c) The Communist Regimes who impose atheism by law...
- d) The Herod’s, the Cesars’, The Pharaohs, The Czar’s; The Ayatollah’s; the Mullahs
- e) NO ONE can stop the Eternal Kingdom of God! **(Psalm 2)**

—Every Knee Will Bow and Every Tongue will confess Jesus is Lord!

D. THE INSPECTION—The King Inspects His Servants (v.15)

1. When the King Returned...

- a) He asked his servants to give account of their service
- b) Were they **Idle** or were they **Faithful**?
- c) Were they **Responsible** or were they **Cynical**?

2. This is Exactly What Will Happen When Christ Returns...

- a) Jesus Tells us this... **(Matthew 16:27 > Matthew 25:31–34)**
- b) All will stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ **(2 Corinthians 5:10)**
- c) Everyone will be judged according to their works

E. THE REWARD—The King Rewards Faithful Service (v.16-19)

1. These Were the Servants Who Were Faithful in their Service

- a) The one who gained 10 more—represents a faithful Christian
- b) The one who gained 5 more—represents a faithful Christian of lesser ability
- c) They are not bragging—They Wanted to honor the King with their service
- d) Both Received a Reward in Proportion to their service

2. The Principle: He that is faithful in little will be faithful in much...

- a) and he who is unfaithful in what is little will be unfaithful with much (**Luke 16:10–11**)

3. We are called to faithful service—and It is an Honor to Serve the King!

a) YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! (Matthew 5:14–16**)**

- (1) Can you visit the sick?
- (2) Can you Welcome Visitors?
- (3) Can you share the gospel of grace?
- (4) Can you give others grace—the way God gave you grace?
- (5) Can you worship God?
- (6) Can you teach the little children?
- (7) Can you help widows and the fatherless?
- (8) Can you encourage your brethren?

b) THEN LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” —1 Peter 4:10

Think of the One Another Passages...

- (1) Encourage One Another
- (2) Honor One Another
- (3) Forgive One Another
- (4) Pray For One Another
- (5) Fellowship One Another
- (6) Assemble with One Another to Worship God
- (7) Hospitality for One Another
- (8) Humility with One Another
- (9) Love One Another

—What we do in this life—echoes into eternity!

F. THE REJECTION—The King Rejects Those Who Reject Him (v.20-27)

1. Notice the unfaithful servant—and the story he has been telling himself...

- a) He Claims that he was afraid...
- b) He Claims that the master is harsh and severe
- c) He Claims the Master takes what is not his to take
- d) He Claims he is the victim of a harsh master so he didn’t do anything

Those who complain the most—actually do the least!

2. Do You Hear the Story People Tell Themselves?

“It is the genius of wicked men to lay the blame of their failures upon others, oftentimes upon God himself.” (Poole)

- a) Rather than accept the responsibility of doing what is right—they would actually condemn others to justify themselves!
- b) God asked Job: *“Would you condemn me to justify yourself?”* (Job 40:1-2; 7-8)

3. This Parable Describes TWO TYPES OF REBELLION

(1) **ACTIVE REBELLION** of those who hate God (like the Delegation)

(2) **PASSIVE REBELLION** of those who don't care about God but then blame God to justify themselves. (like the man who did nothing and then blamed the king for his own rebellious attitude.)

4. Those who Reject the King will be Rejected by the King on Judgement Day

- a) Just as in the days of Noah,
- b) just as in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah,
- c) Just as in the destruction of Jerusalem,
- d) Even More so in the Great Judgement Day of God (Revelation 20:11–12; 21:1,4)

CONCLUSION:

1. **The most expensive purchase ever made in the entire universe was the price of grace—the price paid just so you could be forgiven!**
2. **And Jesus Paid it All!**
3. **Jesus is Now King — He has all authority in heaven and on earth**
4. **It is an honor to serve the King!**
5. **1 Peter 4:10–11 So that in all things God may be glorified!**