

MEET YOURSELF IN LUKE'S PARABLES

Part 14: The Parable of the Minas

(Luke 19:11-27)

INTRO: We come to the end of our series on Luke's unique parables, covering 13 of the 19. Many important subjects have been illustrated . . . Since 9:51 Jesus and His disciples have been on a six month journey to Jerusalem and His death and glorious resurrection (Show MAP). Since 18:15 . . . Healing of blind man (18:35-43) and conversion of Zacchaeus (19:1-10) have been sensational events. Great crowds are following. Jesus tells one final parable before His triumphal and final entry into Jerusalem (19:28). Read . . .

CONTEXT: v.11 clarifies reason for the parable: confusion over the immediacy of establishing His kingdom on earth now. He is a returning King who will reward the faithful. He didn't come to change earthly politics but people's hearts Mac. Pp. 6-7... Parable based on actual historical context (WWW p. 75...).

MAIN TRUTH: Because we will all give an account, we must faithfully "engage in business until He comes" to establish His kingdom on earth.

COMPARE to Parable of Talents (Matt. 25:14-30)—

I. MAIN CHARACTERS INTRODUCED (vv.12-14)

- A. The *Nobleman* departs to a far country . . . (v.12)
- B. The *Servants* (v.13) – Ten servants given same amount and a charge to do something with what is given. Mina = 3 months wages.
- C. The *Citizens* (v.14) – Like with Archelaus, the nobleman is hated and rejected: "We do not want this man to reign over us."

II. MAIN CHARACTERS IDENTIFIED

- A. The *Nobleman*, who becomes king and receives a kingdom, is CHRIST. Christ came in His first coming, establishing His kingdom in the hearts of all who trust Him. He ascended back to the Father in heaven. One day He'll return to set up His earthly kingdom and reign forever.
- B. The *Servants* are those who PROFESS TO SERVE AND FOLLOW HIM. Some are real. Some are false.

- C. The *Citizens* are unbelievers and enemies who HATE AND REJECT CHRIST AND HIS RULE OVER THEM.

NOTE: We are all in the story: true and false servants, unbelievers

III. MAIN LESSONS INTENDED (vv.15-27)

- A. *The Kingdom is not yet in its full and final form* (11:20; 17:21). Kingdom of God not appearing immediately (v.11)
- B. *Christ will return as King over all* (v.15a). Referring to His MK rule over all (Rev. 19:11-15; 20:1-6) Mac. p.7.... Do not let His delay discourage you. Overview of End times . . .
- C. *When Christ returns there will be an evaluation and accounting, based upon our faithfulness* (v.15b). See Rom. 14:10-12; 1 Cor. 3:9-15; 2 Cor. 5:10.
- D. *The greater our faithfulness to Christ, the greater our reward* (vv.16-19). First two servants were faithful and rewarded accordingly. They wisely invested what the Master had entrusted, even in a hostile environment.
- E. *True believers will bear fruit* (vv.20-26).
 - 1. Look at third servant:
 - What he did (v.20) — hid it (sin of omission)
 - Why he did it (v.21) — accuses the Master and excuses his inaction.
 - 2. How King responded (vv.22-26). He rebuked him (vv.22-23). He took what he had from him (v.24) and gave it to the servant with ten minas (v.25). Principle (v.26) – Faithfulness receives more (Rev. 22:12).
- F. *All who hate and reject King Jesus will be defeated and condemned* (v.27; cp. v14). The unbelieving rejectors are eternally separated and condemned.

CONC: What a final parable! Puts a bow on them all on how we are to live between His comings. Luke only tells us about 3 of the 10 servants. We don't know what they did. More importantly: What about you and me? Are we faithfully engaging in kingdom business as we wait His return? Our next series will address how we can do this.