

Jesus Shares a Parable of Response and Responsibility (Luke 19:11-28)

1. The Scenario

¹¹ Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

a. While They Were Hearing These Things

⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

b. He Added a Parable Because

- He was near Jerusalem (the Cross)
- They are presuming the kingdom of God would soon appear

THE PARABLE OF THE NOBLEMAN

2. The _____

¹² Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

- a. His trip – into a distant country
- b. His purpose – to take a kingdom

3. The Nobleman's Ten _____

¹³ "So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'

- a. He calls his ten slaves
- b. He gives them each a mina
- c. He commands them to do business while he is being gone

4. The Nobleman's (New) _____

¹⁴ "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this *man* to reign over us.'

- a. They were hating him
- b. They sent him a rejection notice

5. The Nobleman _____

¹⁵ "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

- a. He had received his kingdom
- b. He summons his slaves
- c. He expects an account of the money

6. Slave #1 Reports

¹⁶ "Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' ¹⁷ "And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

- a. Return = 10-fold – "I have turned 1 mina into 10 minas"
- b. Reward = 10 cities
- c. Reason – Faithful in a lesser thing; Authority over more, greater things

7. Slave #2 Reports

¹⁸ "And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' ¹⁹ "Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

- a. Return = 5-fold – "I have turned 1 mina into 5 minas"
- b. Reward = 5 cities

8. Slave #3 Reports

²⁰ "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. ²¹ 'For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' ²² "And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, *you* wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. ²³ 'Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' ²⁴ "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give *it* to him who has ten minas.' ²⁵ ("But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')

²⁶ 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

- a. Return = nothing
- b. Action = he hid it
- c. Reason – Afraid of the high expectations of the nobleman
- d. Response of the nobleman
 - i. Slave will be judged by his own words (knew what was expected)
 - ii. Slave is called "evil"
 - iii. Slave did not act on his knowledge of what was expected
- e. Reward: Mina is TAKEN from him and given to the most productive slave
- f. Response of the Group: Unreasonable or unfair
- g. Nobleman Explains: Performance = rewards; poor performance = loss

9. The Nobleman Deals with the Rebel Citizens

²⁷ 'But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay *them* before me.'"

- a. He identifies his enemies
- b. He commands to bring them to him
- c. He commands them to be killed them in front of him

TAKEAWAYS

1. You Are in One of Two _____

- a. *Slaves (Under the King)* – Judged by action – gain or loss of rewards
- b. *Rejectors (Refusing the King)* – Judged for refusal to acknowledge
- c. Which are you? If a "rejector," what is your response today?

2. If a Slave, You Have One of Two _____

- a. Faithfully focused on what the Master has assigned
- b. Disobediently ignoring what the Master has assigned
- c. Which are you? If "disobedient," what needs to change today?