

Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2013  
Fathers' Day  
One Taken, One Left  
Part Four  
Study Questions

1). Read Matthew 25:14-19 – According to these verses whose servants does the man call and why do you think this is significant?

a). What can we know about the man's servants from the parable of the 10 virgins?

b). Read Luke 19:12-13 – In this companion parable what are we told about the nobleman's servants that confirms what we have just seen?

c). What does the nobleman give to his servants and what is significant about this?

d). What is different with regards to that which the servants are given in the parable of the talents and in what way is it the same?

e). What is the context for the giving of the parable in Luke and what is added to this in Matthew?

f). How should we understand 'after a long time' and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

2). Both Matthew and Luke describe the man/nobleman making a journey – how is this journey described in Matthew and what is the purpose for it that we find in Luke?

a). What is to happen upon the man/nobleman's return?

b) What is the point of the man/nobleman's journey and the purpose for his return?

c). What does this teach us concerning the Lord?

3). Joh 1:11 *He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*

a). What do we know of the events of the Lord's first advent and what was the outcome of these events?

b). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

c). In view of the outcome of these events, what is the purpose for the Lord's going and what is the purpose for His return.

4). What is the starting point for those who would be a part of the one new man?

a). What is God's expectation beyond this point and how would we know?

5). Read John 14:2-4 – What is being said in these verses and how would we know?

a). What must the preparation of a position of rulership be inextricably connected to?

b). Using the imagery from the parable of the talents what did the ‘Man’ do that has enabled us to understand Christ’s present role, which scriptures did we look at in connection with this and how does it connect to the extra supply of oil from the parable of the 10 virgins?

c). Read Genesis 24:2-4 – for what purpose has the Holy Spirit been sent into the world?

d). Does He do anything apart from this purpose?

e). Read Genesis 24:10 – What does this teach us about Abraham’s goods?

f). How does the picture we see here connect to the role of the Holy Spirit in John 16:12-16 and to the parables of the minas and talents?

g). What additional connection could we make with the extra supply of oil?

h). Which verse in Genesis Chapter 24 provides the type for this?

i). Which other scripture did we look at that describes this self-same process?

6). What is the difference between the distribution of the goods in Matthew and Luke and how do we understand the word translated 'ability'?

a). How is our understanding of the word 'ability' demonstrated in the reckoning with the servants in Luke 19?

b). What does this teach us about the reckoning the Lord will have with us and what is the implication for how we view one another in the present?

7). Who else received 'precious things' apart from Rebekah?

a). What difference is there between that which Rebekah received and that which the others received?

b). Read Genesis 24:61 – what does this verse show us?

c). At what point is a distinction made between Rebekah and her maids and how is that distinction made?

d). How does this connect with the Parables we have been studying?

8). What do you have to say about that which the Holy Spirit has shown us over the years?

a). Are you satisfied with what you are doing with it?

b). Any final thoughts?