

Sunday June 30th 2013
One Taken, One Left
Part Five
Study Questions

1). Read Luke 19:15-21 – Why does the Lord use the examples of minas and talents in these parables?

a). What is the simple premise we are to learn from this?

b). What does this parable teach us about each servant in the eyes of their master?

c). What is it that comes with this and what is the master's expectation with regards to it?

d). If all servants are of equal value and all have equal responsibility what is it that finally distinguishes between them?

e). Can you think of any other examples where we see the same thing?

f). What should we learn from this with regards to ourselves and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

2). Read Matthew 25:19-25 – how is this parable the same as and different from that of the minas?

b). What are we to learn from it and in which other scripture did we see the same thing?

3). In the parable of the minas the servant hid his mina in a handkerchief and in the parable of the talents he buried it in the ground – where can we go in Matthew Chapter 13 that would provide an explanation for the servant's actions?

a). What would have been the outcome if this same servant had produced a profit?

b). Read Matthew 13:19 – what commentary does this verse give us on those who are 'sown' in the parable of the sower?

c). How do we see exactly this same thing in the parables of the talents and minas?

d). What does this teach us with respect to ourselves?

e). '*a just recompense of reward*' – how do we see this administered in the parables of the minas and talents?

f). Which other parable did we look at that shows the same thing?

4). Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – What is the fundamental truth taught in these verses and what should we learn from it?

a). Read 2 Peter 1:3 – What have we been given and how does it connect with our parables?

b). According to our scripture how have we been given ‘all things that pertain to life and godliness’?

c). Read Colossians 2:1-3 – What commentary does this give us on the scripture from 2 Peter?

d). What is Paul’s ‘great conflict’ all about?

e). For whom does he have this conflict?

f). Which scriptures reveal to us - *the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ* and how would you put this in your own words?

g). What does the Lord have to say to the ‘church’ in Laodicea concerning this?

h). In the light of what we have been learning how should we understand the admonition, ‘buy from Me’?

i). Read Revelation 3:20 – What does this teach us?

j). If this is true for the utterly corrupt church of today, what is the implication for us?

k). What does Proverbs 3:13-18 tell us about the treasures of wisdom and knowledge?

5). Read Hebrews 11:7 and John 16:13-14 – How does Noah’s experience compare with our own?

a). This is exactly what has happened in our past weeks of study – so what is it that the Holy Spirit has revealed to us about things to come?

b). Read Mark 16:16 – What are we to do first?

c). What should then happen as a result of what we have believed and how is this pictured through the symbolism of the ordinance?

d). Read Romans 8:13 – simply then how are we to make a return on the Lord’s investment?

e). How does Romans 12:1-3 tell us that this is made possible?

f). Which scripture did we look at that teaches us how our mind is to be renewed and what is to be found in ‘Him who created him’?

g). Any final thoughts?