

9/11/24

**Sermon – Accountability – Parables wk 9**

**Scripture – Mathew 25:23-35 & Luke 19:11-27**

**Main Message – We are given much so we must do much. It is evil to hide the truth of God**

There are two parables written down by Luke and Mathew that are close to the same teaching as far as I can tell. There are subtle differences, but it is definitely teaching a theme of accountability.

*Read Mathew, Read Luke*

So we can see here that Jesus gave responsibility to his servants. Then he goes away “for a long time,” and then to return. It is a good reminder that one day Jesus will come back. What is it that he will come back to? It will be HIS KINGDOM and he will take account on how those here have done what He had told us to do. What fruit will come from those who have been given knowledge? There is judgement coming when Jesus returns to establish His Kingdom. Some will be rewarded. Some will be cast into outer darkness. In other words, no reward given.

These two parables differ slightly because servants who did not do the good work will during the millennial reign of Christ will be cast out of service and they will weep and grimace and gnash teeth. At the end of the millennial reign the enemies of Christ will be destroyed.

Interestingly, those who excelled with what they were given were rewarded greatly. In fact, the ones who had been given much and gained even much more where given what the lazy servants had. So much for equity. If you want someone to manage your money, don't you want the best in the business doing it. You don't give it to the guy who can't even give you interest on the loan.

Our Lord gives everyone equal opportunity to succeed. That is the way it should be. He rewards those who do well appropriately. That is the way it should be. The lazy are not rewarded. That is the way it should be. The Evil are ultimately eliminated from the situation completely. That is what the Lord will do. This is called fairness and God is Fair.

There are those in this world today trying yet again, through a communistic approach, to force everyone into a cage of fairness. As Christians, we must live outside of that cage and be free because Jesus has set us free from the chains of this world and the Powers that simply can't have it.