

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE

PART # 16

9-15-24

MATTHEW 24 AND 25; MARK 13; LUKE 21

MATTHEW 25: 14 – 30 - TEXT

THE PARABLES IN MATTHEW 24 AND 25 TELLS US THREE THINGS:

* (1). CHRIST JESUS' SECOND COMING WILL COME AT AN UNEXPECTED TIME AND IT WILL SEEM LIKE "A LONG JOURNEY (TIME)" – TO HIS SERVANTS.

* (2). THROUGH OUT THE TIME BETWEEN CHRIST JESUS' FIRST COMING AND HIS SECOND COMING – HE HAS HAD "FAITHFUL AND WISE SERVANTS" AND HE HAS HAD "UNFAITHFUL AND EVIL SERVANTS".

* (3). CHRIST JESUS WILL JUDGE ALL OF HIS SERVANTS BASED ON THEIR "FAITHFULNESS IN THEIR DUTIES" AND THEIR "WATCHFULNESS".

* THE MAJORITY OF TODAY'S "CONVERSATION", IN THE "BODY OF CHRIST", CONCERNING THE BIBLE PROPHECIES IN MATTHEW 24 AND 25 – HAVE TO DO WITH THE PHYSICAL "SIGNS" IN "THE LAST DAYS" – SUCH AS "WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS, FAMINES, PESTILENCE, EARTHQUAKES", ETC.

* BUT THE LARGER DISCUSSION IN THESE TWO CHAPTERS IN MATTHEW – IS ABOUT WEATHER OR NOT, WE ARE A "FAITHFUL AND WISE SERVANT" OR AN "EVIL AND UNFAITHFUL SERVANT"!

* THERE ARE 97 VERSES, IN "THE OLIVET DISCOURSE" (MATTHEW 24 AND 25), WHICH CHRIST JESUS GIVES AS AN ANSWER, TO THE QUESTIONS, THAT HIS DISCIPLES ASKED HIM, IN MATTHEW 24: 3 – ABOUT THE "SIGNS" AND CONDITIONS, THAT WILL LEAD "TO THE END OF THE WORLD (AGE)".

* THESE QUESTIONS, WHICH WERE ASKED BY THE DISCIPLES – WERE ASKED RIGHT BEFORE CHRIST JESUS' CRUCIFIXION AND ARE SOME OF THE LAST WORDS, BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THAT HISTORICAL EVENT, IN TIME.

* ELEVEN OF CHRIST JESUS' DISCIPLES – TURNED OUT TO BE "WISE AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS" OF GOD BUT ONE OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST JESUS – "JUDAS" – THAT HE CALLED, TO BE THE TREASURER OF THE GROUP – TURNED OUT TO BE AN "UNWISE AND AN UNFAITHFUL SERVANT" OF GOD.

THIS IS WHAT CHRIST JESUS SAID TO HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES – INCLUDING JUDAS:

JOHN 15: 16 – “Ye have not chosen me, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, and ORDAINED YOU, that ye should go and bring forth FRUIT. And that your FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN: that whatsoever ye asked of the (Heavenly) Father in my name, HE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU”.

JOHN 15: 19 – “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because we are not of the world, but I HAVE CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, therefore the world hateth you”.

LATTER IN THE APOSTLE PETER’S LIFE, HE SAYS THIS ABOUT BEING “CHOSEN” OF GOD:

1 PETER 2: 9 – “But ye are a CHOSEN GENERATION, a royal priesthood, and holy nation, A peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT”:

1 PETER 2: 10 – “Which in time pass we’re not a people, BUT NOW ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD: WHICH HAD NOT OBTAINED MERCY, BUT NOW HAVE OBTAINED MERCY”.

1 PETER 2: 11 – “Dearly Beloved (Of God), ABSTAIN FROM THE FLESHLY LUSTS, WHICH WAR AGAINST THE SOUL”;

1 PETER 2: 12 – “Having your CONVERSATION (MANNER OF LIFE) honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as EVILDOERS, but they may by your GOOD WORKS, which they shall BEHOLD, glorify God in THE DAY OF VISITATION”.

“THE DAY OF VISITATION” – IS ANY TIME WHEN THE LORD DRAWS NEAR, EITHER IN GRACE OR IN JUDGMENT – ESPECIALLY TRUE AT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST JESUS!

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

This parables teaches us not only to be “WATCHFUL”, but it also teaches that when Christ Jesus returns, in “The Lasty Days” – that Christ Jesus will have TRUE AND FALSE SERVANTS.

The story revolves around a man who, before going on a long journey, he assembles HIS OWN SERVANTS and gave each varying amounts of money, according to his own ability. They were to use this money to bring income, to the master.

It is not difficult, to see that Christ Jesus is the “MASTER”, and the “Long journey”, seemingly, is between the First and Second Advent of Christ Jesus.

MATTHEW 25: 14 – “For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his OWN SERVANTS, and delivered unto them HIS GOODS”.

MATTHEW 25: 15 – “And unto one he gave FIVE TALENTS, to another TWO, and to another ONE; TO EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY; and straightway took his journey”.

“TALENTS” – Is the Strong’s Greek word # 5007, and is pronounced “TAL-AN-TON”, and means “A sum of money, in which the measure of the weight, varied in different places, at different times”.

IN THE NATION OF ISRAEL – A “TALENT” OF SILVER WAS 100 POUNDS AND A “TALENT” OF GOLD WAS 200 POUNDS.

SO BY SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2024 STANDARDS, WITH SILVER BEING \$30.92 AN OUNCE AND GOLD BEING \$ 2,592.60 AN OUNCE – SO BY TODAY’S STANDARDS – ONE “TALENT” OF SILVER, WOULD BE VALUED TODAY AT \$ 49,472 DOLLARS AND ONE “TALENT” OF GOLD, WOULD BE VALUED AT \$8,296,320 DOLLARS!

SO WE CAN EASILY SEE WHY, WITH THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY, WHY THE “MASTER” OF THE HOUSEHOLD USED HIS OWN “SERVANTS” – RATHER THAN STRANGERS OR OTHER SERVANTS – NOT OF HIS HOUSEHOLD!

MATTHEW 25: 16 – “And he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents”.

MATTHEW 25: 17 – “And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two”.

MATTHEW 25: 18 – “But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord’s money”.

* WE ARE NOW LIVING IN A PERIOD OF TIME, BETWEEN MATTHEW 25: 18 AND 19. IN WHICH, WE ARE BEING ASSIGNED OUR MINISTRIES – WORKS FOR THE LORD – IN WHICH MOST OF THESE WORKS, THAT GOD IS CALLING “HIS SERVANTS” TO – DOESN’T COME WITH “TITLES”!

* WE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED OUR MINISTRIES, ACCORDING TO THE ABILITIES AND GIFTS, THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US. IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THE LORD AND MULTIPLY HIS “GOODS”!

MATTHEW 25: 19 – “After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and RECKONETH with them”.

MATTHEW 25: 20 – “And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, lord, thou delivers unto me five talents: behold I have gained besides them five talents more”.

MATTHEW 25: 21 – “His lord said unto him, WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: THOU HAS BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS, I WILL MAKE YOU RULER OVER MANY THINGS: ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THE LORD”.

MATTHEW 25: 22 – “He also that had received talents came and said, lord, thou delivers to me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them”.

MATTHEW 25: 23 – “His lord said unto him, WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT; THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS, I WILL MAKE YOU RULER OVER MANY THINGS: ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THE LORD”.

MATTHEW 25: 24 – “Then he which had received the one talent came and said, lord, I KNEW THEE THAT THOU ART AN HARD MAN, REAPING WHERE THOU HAST NOT SOWN, AND GATHERING WHERE THOU HAST NOT STRAWED”:

FEAR AND MISTRUST OF HIS LORD – MOTIVATED THE THIRD SERVANT!

The “Profitable Servants”, are praised, and given increased responsibilities and invited to enter into the “Joy of the Lord”. The “Fearful and mistrusting (Evil) Servant”, is scolded, rejected, and punished.

MATTHEW 25: 25 – “And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, where thou hast is thine”.

MATTHEW 25: 26 – “His lord answered and said unto him, THOU WICKED AND SLOTHFUL SERVANT, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed”:

MATTHEW 25: 27 – “Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own usury”.

MATTHEW 25: 28 – “Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents”.

MATTHEW 25: 29 – “FOR UNTO EVERY ONE THAT HATH SHALL BE GIVEN, AND HE SHALL HAVE ABUNDANCE: BUT FROM HIM THAT HATH NOT SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY EVEN THAT WHICH HE HATH”.

MATTHEW 25: 30 – “And cast ye the UNPROFITABLE SERVANT into outer darkness: there shall be WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH”.

“THE PROFITABLE SERVANTS” – Are praised, given an increased responsibilities, and invited to enter into “The joy of the Lord”. The fearful and mistrusting servant, is scolded, rejected, and punished.

“THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT” – Was cast out – Excluded from “The Kingdom of Heaven”. He shared in the same anguished fate, as of the wicked. It was not just, his failure to invest his “TALENT”, that condemned him, but how he viewed the MASTER OF THE HOUSEHOLDS CHARACTER and also his lack of good works – showed that he lacked saving faith!

The application of this parable must be understood within the context of the message of MATTHEW 24 and 25. It is FIRST, a message to the Jewish people of Israel, that will be living in “The Last Days”, before the Lord’s return. But it has a SECOND application, and that is to “The Body of Christ” – Both Jew and Gentile, that will be living at the time of the Lord’s return.

The statement MATTHEW 24: 12, 13, by Christ Jesus, is key to the understanding these two chapters, found in Christ Jesus’ sermon on the “The Mount of Olives”.

MATTHEW 24: 12 – “AND BECAUSE INIQUITY (SIN) SHALL ABOUND, THE LOVE (OF GOD IN) MANY SHALL WAX COLD”.

MATTHEW 24: 13 – “BUT HE THAT ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED”.