

Parable of Coins Luke 19:11-27

The setting of our story/parable is close to the time for Jesus' great sacrifice for each of us. He was going through Jericho. Along the way, He has an encounter with Zacchaeus. He tells Zacchaeus that the Son of Man has come to seek and save the lost.

People are following Jesus wherever He goes. Jesus is now close to Jerusalem and people thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

Jesus tells this parable:

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The kingdom of heaven is coming. Jesus the nobleman has went to receive the kingdom. He told His followers in **John 14** "If I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself."

At His ascension into heaven, Jesus told His disciples "You are my witness, Go, and make disciples."

When Jesus returns to set up His kingdom, will we be ready? Just as in our story, Jesus has gone away to do business and has left a task for us to do. He has given us the power and authority to guide people to make a decision to accept the Good News of Salvation.

In **Luke 9:1**, Jesus gave His disciple power and authority to amazing things. At the ascension, Jesus told His disciple that all authority and authority was given to Him. Go and make disciples. Jesus has given us power and authority to be His witnesses in our community.

The question is what we will do with the task given to us. In our story, each servant was given one coin worth about 3 months wages. When the nobleman returned each servant had to give an account for what he did with the money. Most of them put the money to work.

It didn't matter how much each servant earned only that the money gained. The money represents the people you and I lead to the Lord. It doesn't matter if I lead 2 people or that you lead 20 people to salvation. What Jesus is looking for is that we are spreading the gospel.

However, many of us are like the one servant who was afraid so he hid the coin in a handkerchief. How many times have we hid the fact that we belong to Jesus from people who ready need to know and see Jesus through us?

Paul tells us in **1 Corinthians 3** that what we do for Christ will be judged. Those whose works survive the judgment will receive rewards and those whose works don't measure up will experience loss but will enter heaven.

What is going to be judged? What we do with the resources God has given us.

Are we spreading the message of salvation to everyone as we live our daily life? Are we making a difference in someone's life? Or are we like the one servant hiding the fact we belong to Jesus by not telling anyone what He has done for us?

Be sure the king will return one day. Will we be told "Welcome My good and faithful servant?" Or will we be left hanging our head?