



In the Meantime

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READING: Luke 19

Luke prefaces another one of Jesus' parables with an explanation of its purpose (vs. 11). Jesus wanted His hearers to understand that His kingdom was not going to come in fullness immediately. He would depart and come at a later time and He wanted them to understand what they were to do in the meantime.

The servants were to manage the nobleman's resources on his behalf until he returned. They would give an account for what they did with what had been entrusted to them when the nobleman, who had received his kingdom, returned.

Three servants are mentioned. Two were faithful in utilizing what had been entrusted to them and they were rewarded accordingly.

One servant in the parable was unfaithful. He considered his master to be a severe man (vs. 21). His lack of stewardship was fueled by his lack of relationship. He failed to take seriously the fact that his master would return, and he would have to give an account. He would sadly lose all that had been entrusted to him.

Worse yet was the fate of those who opposed the king, who made themselves his enemy (vv. 14, 27). They experienced a swift and certain judgment. We are called to follow Christ in obedience and wise stewardship, even though the world rejects the King and His kingdom.

We must recognize that everything we have is a gift from God. We are stewards of our resources, not the owners. We will give an account one day for how we have managed what God has entrusted to us, including: our money, our possessions, our spiritual gifts, our abilities, our relationships and our time.

This parable challenges and encourages us. Let us not miss out on the eternal rewards that God has for faithful stewards who manage well what has been entrusted to them. Faithfulness results in kingdom reward; unfaithfulness results in loss of rewards.

What are you doing with what God has entrusted to you? How will your stewardship be evaluated when the true King returns?

PRAYER: "Father, help me recognize the greatness of Christ and His Kingdom. Help me manage well everything you have entrusted to me."

TOMORROW'S READING: Luke 20

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