

“Jesus Christ: The Lord of Our Talents”

Matthew 25:14-30

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Introduction

Matthew 25 presents three parables from Jesus about His return and future judgment. We have noted that the Second Coming of Christ is the most referenced doctrine in the New Testament, and these references are couched in words of hope and comfort for the believer. Nearly one in every 25 verses points to His second advent, and many of these verses emphasize the need to be prepared, along with a strong motivation to live by faith and obedience in Him.

One of my goals in preaching is that you would be prepared for that day and that you would long for the return of Christ. This doctrine should help you prepare for the Lord’s return by asking several questions:

- *Do I believe/trust in Jesus Christ?
- *Am I serving the Lord in the obedience of faith?
- *Am I serving others out of love for Christ?

Matthew 25 is a heavy chapter to think about. Jesus is blood earnest in this teaching. He is hours from His arrest, torture, anguish, and crucifixion as our sin-bearer. He endured all of these things, not to mention the spiritual dereliction expressed in His cry, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me....”* He finished the course. He drank from the cup of God’s wrath, so that we would be saved.

We come to this second parable in Matthew 25, the *Parable of the Talents*, where Jesus tells of a rich man who is about to go on a journey. He calls three of his servants and gives them money to be used while he is gone. The point of the parable is that waiting for Christ’s return and being ready for it is not a call to a passive life. We must live faithfully for Christ and zealously for His glory.

Five Take Aways from the Parable of the Talents

~Matthew 25:14-30

I. Regarding Our M_____

II. Our F_____ Reckoning

III. Judged by Our W_____

IV. Every M_____ will be Stopped

V. S_____ for Many

Conclusion

Jesus consistently taught that there are only two paths, only two eternal destinations, and with a coming judgment, we need to think seriously about which one we are on.

How can I know that my life is right with God?

How can I avoid the horrific warning given by Jesus of “outer darkness” and “gnashing of teeth”?

What comfort and assurance can I find?

How do I live my life for so worthy a Savior?

The New Testament holds up Good News and salvation for those who repent of their sin, trust Christ as their Savior, and serve Him in the new life He promises to give.