

AT THE MASTER'S FEET:
A study of Jesus' Sermons in the Gospel of Matthew
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THE MASTER'S TRIUMPH: THE EXPECTANT LIFE

THE BIG DEAL HERESY

Matthew 25:14-30

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25:14-15 I. God entrusts His people with talents.

:14 A. The talents are His.

"For it will be like a man going on a journey who called his servants and entrusted to them his property."

:15 B. He gifts us differently.

"To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away."

:16-18 II. We steward God's talents differently.

"He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money."

:19-30 III. We will account for our stewardship.

:19 A. We will account to God.

"Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them."

:20-23 B. God will reward the faithful servants.

:20-21 1. the eminently gifted

"And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'"

:21 a. an extraordinary commendation

"His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant."

b. an expanded responsibility

"You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much."

c. an eternal joy

"Enter into the joy of your master."

:22-23 2. the normally gifted

:22 a. half the talents and half the return

"And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'"

:23 b. identical blessing

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'"

:24-30 C. God will punish unfaithful servants.

:24-27 1. Their indictment is damning.

:24-26 a. wicked

"He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?'"

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b. slothful

“Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was mine with interest.”

:28-30

2. Their punishment is terrifying.

:28-29

a. They lose the Master’s gift.

“So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

:30

b. They leave the Master’s presence.

“And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”