

Matthew 25:14-30 **Talents – Kingdom of Heaven**

An aspect of the Kingdom of Heaven

Servants entrusted with portions according to their own ability

14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

Use of that which was entrusted by the individual servants

16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

Long time before the day of accounting – Rewards for those according to their works

19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

Knowledge of the failure

26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.'

Resulting rewards

28 Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Servants entrusted with portions according to their own ability

- ✠ The talents and minas and seed represent the level of understanding each individual has regarding the Gospel mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. [Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 19:11-27]
- ✧ This is the same as the parable of the sower, the seed, and the different kinds of ground the seed fell on. [Matthew 13:1-23, 25:14-15, Mark 4:2-20, Luke 8:4-15]
- ✠ The owner traveling to a far country represents the Lord Jesus Who was taken from the earth to Heaven, and must remain in Heaven until the time for the restoration of all things. [Acts 3:19-21]

Use of that which was entrusted by the individual servants

- ✠ Each person is responsible for what he does with that which is entrusted to him. [Matthew 25:16-18, 13:18-23, Luke 19:11-27, 8:4-15, Mark 4:2-20]

Long time before the day of accounting – Rewards for those according to their works

- ✚ This is the same as the time delay of the illustrations of the Two Servants [Matthew 24:45-51, Luke 12:36-48], and the illustration of the Ten Virgins [Matthew 25:1-13]
- ✧ The certainty is that **the Lord will come** and there **will be an accounting** for what we each have done with what He entrusted us with.
- ✧ Those who were wise and made use of what was entrusted to them received praise and reward in keeping with their performance. [Matthew 24:46-47, 25:19-23, Luke 12:43-44, 19:16-18]
- ✧ Those who were foolish and slothful, were punished for their lack of fruitfulness, and even what they had received was taken from them. [Matthew 24:48-51, 25:24-30, Luke 19:20-26, 12:43-46]

Knowledge of the failure

- ✧ The words of the failure make it clear that he understood the importance of his behavior, but out of fear, he did not make any attempt to capitalize on the talent with which he was entrusted, but rather, he hid it until the day of accounting. Then it was too late to change. [Matthew 25:24-25, Luke 19:20-21]

Expectation of the Master and His judgment

- ✚ The foolish one should have at least drawn bank interest so there would be some fruit, no matter how small. [Matthew 25:26-27, Luke 19:22-23]

Message of the story

- ✚ For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. [Matthew 25:28-29, Luke 19:24-25]
- ✧ The heart God is looking for, is the heart who is willing to hear, who seeks out the understanding of it, and who puts it into practice in his life demonstrating fruitfulness. It becomes a part of him, and others can see it.

Resulting rewards

- ✚ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [Matthew 25:30]
- ✚ The enemies who rejected the authority of the Lord to reign over them will be destroyed. [Luke 19:27]