

Good News of Salvation in the Saviour’s Parables

This week – We continue our series of lessons based on some Parables of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*“Well (done) thou good servant:
... thou hast been faithful in
a very little (thing).” Luke 19v17.*

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 19v11-27 (Faithful and unfaithful servants)	
Monday	Matthew 25v14-30 (This parable in Matthew)	
Tuesday	Jonah 1v1-17 (Jonah disobeys God and runs away)	
Wednesday	Jonah 2v1-10 (Jonah’s repentant prayer answered)	
Thursday	Jonah 3v1-10 (Jonah preaches the Gospel at Nineveh)	
Friday	Matthew 21v28-46 (Which one was faithful?)	
Saturday	Matthew 16v1-28 (Faithfulness is rewarded)	

Important Thought for us Today: What is Faithfulness to the Lord? The very first act of faith is to respond to God’s call to repentance, believing (exercising faith) in His sacrificial death upon Calvary. ‘Faith to believe’ is the gift of God which The Holy Spirit places in our souls to bring us to repentance. We must continue to use faith every day. We are not in this world merely to have a good time, sinfully pursuing our own selfish interests. If we are a Christian our life is not our own, it is given us, on trust, to glorify God. Our Lord expects us to grow in faith by being faithful and obedient to Him. We must keep nothing back, seeking to follow Christ entirely, fully, with our whole heart. We must accept every duty without regard to its cost, giving our whole energy to the work and service of Christ, seeking to imitate Him in all the elements of His character. So, pray, asking for more faith. At the end of our life, we must render an account of it to Him who gave it to us.

Will the Lord say to us? *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”* Matthew 25v21.

Hymn 462 A prayer seeking help from God to faithfully serve Him as we tell others of the Gospel:

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| 1. Give me the faith which can remove
And sink the mountains to a plain;
Give me the child-like praying love
Which longs to build Thy house again;
Thy love, let it my heart o’repower,
And fill me from this very hour. | 3. My talents, gifts and graces, Lord,
Into Thy blessed hands receive,
And let me live to preach Thy Word,
And let me to Thy glory live:
My every sacred moment spend
In publishing the sinners’ Friend. |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

• **A Parable of A Nobleman and Ten Men.**

- **The Nobleman** – The Lord Jesus Christ – Now in Heaven, awaiting His return at the end of time when He will come back again to hold His Last Judgement.
- **The Men** – People, like us, who have heard God’s Gospel of Saving Grace.
- **The Pounds** – God’s Word of Gospel Truth – To be believed - told to others.

• **Three Different Responses While the Nobleman (King) was Away.**

- **The Rebels** – While the King was away these set themselves up to be self-appointed rulers - making laws in direct opposition to those of the King.
- **The Faithful** – Servants of the King who, following His instructions, used the ‘Pound’ He gave them wisely, such that it would make a valuable return.
- **The Unfaithful** – Lazy - heard the Kings instruction but did nothing with it.

• **What Can We Learn From This Parable?**

- **The Nobleman** – The Lord Jesus Christ is currently away in Heaven; He has promised to return and Judge everyone – to reward with Heaven or punish.
- **The Pounds** – God’s Word, The Bible, is given to us - The Gospel offering of a Saviour Who died on Calvary in our place to save us from God’s Judgement.
- **The Rebels** – There are many of God’s citizens who reject Him outright. They continue to live sinful lives of rebellion, unbelief, pride, disobedience, theft, hatred, lies, covetousness, and lust - without feeling any shame or sorrow.
- **The Faithful** – Those who have repented, believing in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord – seeking to live their lives in obedience to His Holy Law. They spend their time witnessing - testifying to others of His love and mercy. They know He promised to come again and gladly await His Judgement Day.
- **The Unfaithful** – These have heard the Gospel many times but have not come to the Lord in repentance and faith. They have hidden it away from their thoughts - not using God’s truth to bring their souls to salvation.

• **The King of Kings, Jesus Christ, Will Return to Judge Everyone.**

- **We must ask ourselves – How will I stand before Him on that terrible day?** There are only 2 types of people in the world. Which category are you in?
 - 1. The Rebels and The Unfaithful are One Type.** They said, *“We will not have this Man to rule over us”*, rejecting God’s gracious offer of Gospel Forgiveness in this life which results in eternal punishment for sin.
 - 2. The Faithful** – Those who ‘invest’ their Gospel knowledge and come to Jesus Christ seeking forgiveness will find they are rewarded with God’s protection and guidance in this life, and God’s reward of eternal peace and happiness in Heaven.

The Lord Jesus said, “For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his (faithful) works.”
Matthew 16v27.