

Luke 19:11-27 **Ten Minas – Ten Servants**

11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'

15 And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' 19 Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

20 Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. 21 For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

22 And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

24 And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' 25 ("But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')

 26 For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

27 But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.'" 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]