

**The Parables**  
**Faithful – the Story of the Ten Minas**  
**Luke 19:11-27**

**Introduction:**

1. Although the basic story of the talents and the Minas is essentially the same there are enough differences to indicate that they are not derived from the same source
2. In all parables Jesus is wanting to convey spiritual truth and so he used analogies and illustrations and stories that were familiar
3. Jesus builds this story on a historical incident
4. This story happens on the way to Jerusalem from Jericho – about 17 miles
5. This is a story of a nobleman who goes away to receive a kingdom
6. While he is away he expects his servants to do business on his behalf
7. He knew what they were thinking
8. They thought He was going to establish an earthly kingdom
9. **Verse 11 – “because He was nearing Jerusalem they supposed the kingdom would appear”**

**Part of the Kingdom:**

1. This is a call to live a life that honors the absent nobleman, that respects him, love to him, use the gifts, privileges, opportunities and responsibilities that has been given.
2. Secondly there are only three types of people in this scene but there are only two types of servants.
3. The first ones were the faithful and the second ones were the false
4. There was no way they could mistake this being built on the historical situation with Archelaus who succeeded Herod the Great
5. Everyone belongs in His Kingdom – you may reject Him, but He still has sovereignty  
There is no reason for them to hate the nobleman in our story. **John 15:25, Jesus said - “They hated Me without a cause,”**
6. Their attitude towards Christ was blasphemous
7. **Verse 15. “And it came about that when He returned.”**
8. Our nobleman has been crowned and now He returns

**The Second Coming:**

1. Our “nobleman” has received His Kingdom and now He comes to establish it on earth
2. It is the fulfillment of all that the prophets said, *all that Jesus promised, all that the apostles wrote, and all that Revelation describes will take place*
3. It is now the accounting time – the opening of the books and a record given
4. The first servant – **“look what your minas have done”**
5. Jesus commends him and comments on his faithfulness
6. It is about living your Christian life as a trust, taking the truth, the power of the Spirit, spiritual opportunity, spiritual gifts, spiritual privileges, everything the Lord puts in your life and maximizing it for His honor and His glory.
7. He wants us to grow and multiply in His Kingdom

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9. **Verse 18** *"your mina, master has made five minas"*
10. In the future someday when Jesus comes, there will be a reward time for the faithful.
11. Paul calls it the Bema Seat of Christ – it is not about judging our sins but God rewarding us according to our lives
12. **"Eye hasn't seen, ear hasn't heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for them that love Him."**

#### Another Came:

1. **Verse 20** *"and another came"* - in other words different from the first two
2. **"Master, behold your mina which I kept put away in a handkerchief."**
3. He had no desire to prove himself trustworthy to the nobleman
4. **"Well I was afraid of you because you're an exacting man, you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow."**
5. You are too hard to serve
6. **Verse 22, "By your own words I'll judge you, you worthless slave."**
7. **Verse 23, "Then why did you not put the money in the bank and having come I would have collected it with interest?"**

#### Grace Abounding:

1. Grace is always outrageous – like that song Reckless Love
2. **Luke 16:10** *"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."*
3. **Verse 26:** *"From the one who doesn't have, even what he does have shall be taken away."*
4. So here we meet the people who confess Christ, connect to the church, surrounded by the privileges and the truth of the gospel, make a profession, serve for their own purposes and their own ends, but in the end have no relationship with the Lord, no love, no desire to honor Him.

#### Our Story:

1. Each of us are in this story
2. We are either among the faithful, the false or the foes If you confess Him as Lord and King, you become among the faithful, those who are rewarded and lavished with spiritual graces and privileges forever.
3. If a person is hiding among the false, the day will come when they will be unmasked, and all their phony excuses will be unveiled
4. There it is in one story, rewards for the faithful, rejection for the false, retribution for the foes.
5. Finally, remember all under the sovereignty of the King.