

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: While I'm Gone

Passage: Luke 19:11-27 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: Jesus informed His followers about the delayed kingdom and their responsibility to be faithful until His return.

I. A Nobleman, His Journey and His Subjects. (19:11-14)

- It was close to Passover, He was close to Jerusalem, they expected God's immediate Kingdom.
- While the Kingdom of God was near and active in the King, its full expression would be delayed.
- The Nobleman = Jesus, Messiah, King goes on a long journey (death, resurrection, ascension) to receive a kingdom and then return.
- The 10 Servants = followers of Jesus by faith who remain while He is gone, engaging in His business with the resources He has provided for them until He returns.
- The Resources = "mina" or about 3 months wages (100 drachmas, 1.25 pounds of silver).
- The Citizens = either the nation of Israel or her leaders who openly hated & reject Jesus as King.

II. The Return and the Ramifications. (19:15-27)

- As Jesus had said, the Nobleman did, indeed, return.
- The servants were called to give an account of their faithfulness (Rom. 14:10; **2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3:11-13**).
- Those who had engaged in the Nobleman's business were rewarded abundantly (**1 Cor. 3:14**).
- Those who did not engage reprimanded, stripped of their given resources (**1 Cor. 3:15**).
- The enemies of the King were then called and destroyed (Rev. 20:11-15).
- Jesus will instruct His followers to continue the work of His "Seeking and Saving the Lost" mission between His ascension and return.

III. "Engage in My business until I come"

1. He has given us all **TIME** - used in service, used wisely, or wasted?
2. He has given us all **ABILITIES** - for my own purpose and glory or His purpose and glory?
3. He has given us all **CHOICES** - seek to be obedient or lean on my own understanding?
4. He has given us all **OPPORTUNITIES** - engage them in Christ's name or ignore them for convenience?
5. He has given us all **RESOURCES** - see them as ours to use as we please or as His to steward for His glory?
6. He has given us all **THE GOSPEL** - we have the message that brings salvation to those who are lost!