

THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL

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We're all familiar with the parable of the talents spoken of in Matthew or pounds as Luke refers to it. We know this is talking about Christ's return; and what you have done with what you have been given.

I want to try and show some similarities between Christ and us in this parable as Luke declares it; yet the results are the same, for those that be in Christ.

Before I talk about Christ's **return** from this parable; we **must** lay the foundational truth from the scriptures. God saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore His arm brought salvation unto Him; and His righteousness, it sustained Him. **Isa.59:16**.

I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. **Isa.63:5**.

The Father, Jehovah, told His Son: Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. **Isa.49:3**

God goes on to say: It is a light thing that thou shouldst by my servant to raise the tribes of Jacob and the preserved of Israel.

I want to note here, this term: "It is a light thing" This Does Not mean this was no great task or no big deal; but rather that the raising of the tribes of Jacob and the preserved of Israel, is to **small** a thing to demonstrate the grand splendor of God's Glory. So in addition: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. **Isa.49:6&7**.

God sent His Son into a far country, a foreign country; a place completely opposite of where "THIS MAN" was from. This place did **not** understand Him or speak His language. But God, didn't send Him here without incentive or without the promise of His reward! Nor did He send Him unequipped for the task before Him.

God sent His Son into the world to do a great and mighty work. Christ's incentive was not only that He would receive the heathen for His inheritance; but to retrieve Israel for His Father. And be exalted to sit at His Father's right hand and Rule! ... for the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross despising the shame. **Heb.12:2**

Christ Jesus willingly left His heavenly home to deliver His Father's goods unto the people; He preached the truth of His Father, told of peace, forgiveness of sin, reconciliation, sanctification. And this same Man knew He had to lay down His life and take it up again. He knew He had to shed His own precious blood to pay the price of sin; with the divine intent to receive for Himself a kingdom; a bride and **return** for that bride to take her home to present her faultless to His Father.

Christ was faithful to His Father's divine work.

In order for all of this to be effective and valid; the Noblemen(Christ) had to return to the Home from whence He came. Christ returned unto God His Father; with His fruit, if you will, of accomplishing this great work. He produced and continues to produce much fruit unto His Father by bringing many sons to glory.

Jesus left His heavenly home and came to a far country. But God encouraged Him saying: In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people. ... **Isa.49:8**.

He told men of His Father's goods. He was faithful to proclaim His Father's truth. He was and is faithful in producing fruit to His Father; and will until **all** is finished. He gave His life to save us. He gave His body to sanctify us. He shed His blood to cleanse and reconcile us. He was buried in a foreign place; but the grave could not hold Him. He rose from the dead by the glory of the Father.

He returned unto His Father, triumphant! Where His payment was accepted by God. The result: God Highly exalted Him and He's now seated at the right hand of God; making intercession for us. Proclaimed: The King of Kings and Lord of Lords, to the glory of God the Father.

For the children of God: we have spiritually left our place of origin; and renounced our citizenship to earth. We behold a new land that is fairer than day and by faith we see it afar.

We rose from the dead in the first fruit sense.

Our sins are forgiven! We are accepted of God, in the beloved.

We were buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **Rom6:4**.

Every time we speak one to another we bring with us the goods of our Father. We buy and sell; trading with one another of the goods the Father has given us; That we may produce fruit and more fruit; ever producing bringing more and more for our Father's usury.

We fight the good fight to remain faithful; We strive to keep ourselves in the love of God.

We proclaim what our Father has given us.

We produce fruit by studying to show ourselves approved.

Putting the word of God into us and keeping it.

Loving one another.

By sharing the truth with one another; or when we plant seed to others where ever we go.

Being obedient to our Father.

God hears us, cares for us, protects us, fights for us.

We are to proclaim God and Christ. Be faithful unto Him, and endure unto the end.

God will preserve His people.

For the men who have been drawn by God's grace into His marvelous light, our new man; is willing to leave our earthly residency; to go to a far country. We gladly give up our citizenship of earth, for we know our citizenship is now in Zion, the city of our God; wherein dwelleth righteousness. We have been given to see Far Better things- LIFE and IMMORTALITY!

God has by (His grace) adopted us into His family. And God knowing this would be a great and difficult task for us; didn't just leave us to it; and say: I hope you can make it home.

He has given us incentive and the promise of our reward! And by His Holy Spirit, distributes every means and power from heaven for us to complete our journey. Jesus promised: I will never leave thee nor forsake thee; He is with us every step of the way. Praise His Holy Name!

It's true we were not there when Jesus was on the earth. But because of His accomplished work and because we believe the report; Jesus said: blessed are they which have not seen yet believe. We may not have seen with our physical eyes; but we certainly see with the eyes of faith.

Brethren, we have embarked in a great race and perilous journey; if we remain faithful: we shall be forever in the presence of Jehovah and Christ forever in the city of our God; We will arrive triumphant! In Christ Jesus; where sin can not be; and where all the disappointments of life are over. Clothed in righteousness, arrayed in the splendor of the beautiful wedding garment and presented by Christ our husbandmen to our Father and seated at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

I exhort you, don't bury what your Father has given you; use it, share it, proclaim it and by doing so, you help yourself and encourage other saints to continue on; in this great migration for home. Amen.

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