The Parable of the Minas  
Luke 19:11-27

**Main Thought**  While our master has gone to heaven to receive his Kingdom, we his servants have been entrusted to share the Gospel message with others from which we will be rewarded.

**Background** (11). In Jericho (1), Jesus was near Jerusalem with Passover near. Many thought that Jesus would bring about the Kingdom of God AT ONCE by overthrowing the Roman government like Moses did with Egypt.

**The Nobleman** (12).

- This **Nobleman** of noble birth was likely Herod Archelaus (23 BC-AD 18), son of the infamous Herod the Great (74-4 BC). He was hated, like his father, for his cruelty – he killed 2 teachers and 40 youths for protesting an eagle being erected in the temple as well as 3000 sympathizers!
- When he went to Rome to receive his kingship, he was opposed by 50 Jews and Judea revolted. His request was denied. He reigned for 10 years as **Tetrarch** of Judea, was deposed to Gaul (France) where he died.
- But Jesus is the **Nobleman** (Matt. 1:1; John 1:1; 3:16) who wanted to be king but was opposed. He went to heaven to receive his kingship and is waiting until all of his enemies are made his footstool (20:42-43; Psa. 110:1).
- Jesus will return and hold people accountable (Rom. 3:19; Rev. 19:15).

**The Servants** (13).

- Each of the ten (all inclusive number) servants received the **SAME amount** (unlike Matt. 25:14-30) of money – a **mina** (lit. 1 lb.) worth about three months wages.
- This “same amount to all” must mean the **Gospel** that has been entrusted to the saints (1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:11; 6:20; Jude 3), not differing gifts or abilities as in the Parable of the Talents (Matt. 25:14-30; 1 Pet. 4:10).
- We are to **work** (Col. 1:29) until our master returns to fulfill the Great Commission – Go, MAKE DISCIPLES, BAPTIZE, TEACH (Matt. 28:19-20). This is our **trust**.

**The Citizens** (14).

- The vast majority of citizens (Matt. 7:13-14) rejected Archelaus’ rule over them. Like Jesus (17:25; 20:17; John 1:11), they did not receive him.

**The Returning Lord** (15-27).

- Jesus is now King in Heaven (Phil. 2:9-11; 20:42-43) but will **return** to earth, ESTABLISH his Kingdom (Rev. 11:15), and REWARD his saints (Rev. 22:12).
- His rewards are proportional to effort. They are merit based.
- The cities to be ruled over exist during the millennial reign of Christ as we reign with Him (2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 5:8-10).
- Those who did nothing to further the gospel receive nothing (24-26). They will be saved but have no reward (1 Cor. 3:12-15).
- Others who refused Christ as their king will be killed – in **Hell** (Rev. 20:15).

“The reward for faithful work is always – more work!”  
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