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<u>Return (John 14:1-3, Luke 19:11-27)</u> November 19, 2023

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Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. John 14:1 NKJV

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2 NKJV

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:3 NKJV

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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. **Luke 19:11 NKJV**

Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. **Luke 19:12 NKJV**

So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' Luke 19:13 NKJV

But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' **Luke 19:14 NKJV**

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. **Luke 19:15 NKJV**

Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' Luke 19:16 NKJV And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' **Luke 19:17 NKJV**

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

Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. **Luke 19:20 NKJV**

For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' **Luke 19:21 NKJV**

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. **Luke 19:22 NKJV**

Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' **Luke 19:23 NKJV**

And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' Luke 19:24 NKJV

(But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') Luke 19:25 NKJV

'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. **Luke 19:26 NKJV**

But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.' **Luke 19:27 NKJV**

Kingdom = Kingdom of God

Nobleman = Jesus

Far Country = Heaven

Servants = Us/Christians

To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, **Ephesians 3:8 NKJV**

Riches = Christ

Business = Sharing Jesus

Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. **2 John 8 NKJV**

This Week's <u>New Testament + Reading Plan:</u>

- 1. James 5
- 2. Jude 1
- 3. Matthew 1
- 4. Matthew 2
- 5. Matthew 3
- 6. Isaiah 7
- 7. Prayer & Reflection