

## Lesson XII.

## PARABLE OF THE POUNDS

December 23, 1900

Luke 19 : 11-27—Memory Verses, 26, 27

**Golden Text**—Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.—Rom. 14 : 12.

*See Lesson 1* THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus had now got nearly to Jerusalem. Great crowds still followed Him and planned to make Him king. To show that His kingdom was not here but in heaven, Jesus told this story :

There was once a prince who went on a

and sent a message after him, saying that if he came back as king they would not obey him.

After a long time he did come back full of wealth and honor, and called his servants, to find out how they had used his money.

The first came, saying, "Master, I have been able by good use to gain with my pound ten pounds more." Then his master said, "Well done, good and faithful servant! Because you have been faithful in this small thing, you shall be ruler over ten cities."

Then the next servant came and told that his pound had grown to five. "Very well," said his master, "You have been faithful, too, and shall rule over five cities."

When the third servant came, he had a different tale to tell. He spoke imprudently to his master, calling him strict and grasping, and said, "Sir, here is your money just as it was. I have kept it all this time tied up in a napkin."

Then the prince was angry with that idle and disobedient servant, and said to those who stood by, "Take his pound away from him, and give it to the man who gained

the ten pounds." "But," they said, "is that fair? He has ten already." But the master said, "It is quite fair, for unto every one that hath, shall be given; but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away from him."

The prince gave orders, also, that those who had declared they would not have him to reign over them, should be slain.

long journey to a strange country. He expected to be away some time, and to come back as king.

Before he went, he called ten of his servants, and gave to each of them a pound in money, not as a present, but to see how much each of them could make out of it by trading.

But some of his servants hated this prince,

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- See* 1. What did many of the people want to make of Jesus? Ans. An earthly king.  
2. What story did Jesus tell to show that His kingdom is a heavenly one? Ans. The parable of the pounds. 3. Why did the prince give money to his servants? Ans. To

