

Lesson VI.

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

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Matt. 25 : 14-30—Memory Verses, 20, 21

Golden Text—So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.—Rom. 14 : 12.



19 After a long time the lord of these servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou

hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that* is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give *it* unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Although Jesus taught His friends to watch for His return, He did not mean that they should stop working. So He told this parable.

There was once a master who had to go away on a long journey and leave his property to be taken care of by others. Before he went he sent for his servants and gave each one a different piece of work to be done

while he was absent. He left one man five talents, or about five thousand dollars, to take care of. To another he gave two talents and to another one, all to be spent in their master's business. Then he went away, not saying when he would be back.

As soon as he was gone, the steward who had been trusted with five talents set to work at once, and by fair trading doubled his mas-