

# WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 34]

WHAT MANNER OF PEOPLE  
OUGHT WE TO BE? (PART 2)

*Reading: Luke 19:11 - 27*

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## Introduction

- In the light of the coming again of Christ we are answering the question Peter puts in [2 Peter 3:11].
- **Recap:** We need to be **READY, WATCHFUL, HOLY** and **GODLY**.

## 1 The Parable Of The Pounds & Minas

- This parable is unique to Dr Luke but there are similarities with the parable of the **TALENTS** in [Matthew 25].
- Many parables highlight the return of Jesus.
- The parable tells us about those who are awaiting His return and about their service in His absence.
- [VS 12]. In this parable Jesus represented by a '**nobleman**.'
- '**The far country**' is heaven.
- [Vs 13]. The 10 servants represent those who would identify Jesus as their Lord/Master.
- A mina is equivalent to 3 months' salary.

## 2 Stewardship

- Everything we have/own we have it on loan from the '**nobleman**.'
- He expects us to make good use of it. We are to put His capitol to use.
- The minas/pounds are to enable us to be about '**our Father's business**.' [Luke 2:49].

### 3 Anarchy And Rebellion

- [Vs 14]. The cry of anarchy, rebellion and mutiny. The world's **'mission statement.'**

### 4 The Returning Nobleman

- [Vs 15] The **'Nobleman'** returns.
- No one on earth or in hell will prevent this. **'I shall return.'**

### 5 A Future Reckoning

- [Vs 15]. The return of the Nobleman will be a time of **RECKONING** for His servants.
- This theme occurs in the parable of the talents also.
- The term **'settled accounts'** is an accountants term dealing with losses, gains and profits.
- Consider [Romans 14:10, 12] and [2 Corinthians 5:10].
- In the ancient world the **'Bema seat'** was where citizens were rewarded and disputes settled. [Acts 18:12].
- Every Christian has an appointment to keep at **'the judgement seat of Christ.'**
- It is **NOT** our sins to be accounted for but our service/stewardship.
- **'What On Earth Did You Do For Heaven's Sake?'**

### 6 Rewards, Excuses And Consequences

- The **'Bema Seat'** is primarily a place of **REWARD**.
- Faithfulness is rewarded with **'well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'**
- The **'well done'** is also issued in the parable of the pounds/minas.
- The reward for the faithful believer:

**NB** There are degrees of reward in heaven.

- J.C. Ryle, **'our good things are not of this world.'**

**NB** The exposure of the unfaithful/lazy servant at the last day.

**NB** laziness is wickedness.

**NB** [vs 21 – 23] The uselessness of **'excuses on that day.'** Better if they'd never been born.

Isaac Watts:

***O may we stand before the Lamb when earth and seas have fled and hear the Judge pronounce our names with blessing on our head.***

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