Luke 19 Pt 2

Annihilate Deceit with Truth

II. About the Nobleman's Business

11 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.

Purpose of Parable?

1. **Correction** Kingdom will not be happening this time around

2. **Instruction** Be about My business while I'm gone

12 Therefore [Jesus] said: "A certain **nobleman** went into a far country to **receive for himself a kingdom and to return**. 13 So he called **ten of his servants**, delivered to them **ten minas**, and said to them, '**Do business till I come.'** 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'

3 Players

Nobleman is Jesus
 Servants the Church
 Citizens are the World
 1st Coming/Ascension/Receive Kingdom from Father Given Treasure of the gospel to "do business" with Under sway of Satan hating Nobleman w/out cause...

• **Specific** Jews treatment disciples after Jesus ascension

• **Generalized** Entire sinful world today as God's people wait for His return

1 John 5:19...the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

• Each Servant given One Mina: Go do business citizens of earth till I return

Won't be easy business to transact... Response: We will not have this man to reign over us!

• **Nobleman's Business:** Turn citizens allegiance from devil to the Nobleman

2 Corinthians 5:20 ...we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

Use the Treasure I give each of you to turn the citizens allegiance to Me

I'm coming back when you least expect...

15 "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.

- Jesus back from the Father Received Kingdom/Bringing it to Earth
- Time to give an account What did you do w/Mina I gave you? Invest?

Q. Will believers be Judged? **A. Yes**... with regard to Reward not Salvation

Romans 14:12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

• **Give an account:** Criteria? What we did with Gospel [Mina]

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

• Well done good servant: I gave you little and you used it

Revelation 3:8 [Philadelphia] "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a **little strength**, have kept My word, and have **not denied My name.**

- Gave me one/Here are 10:
 - 1. Faithful Ambassador for Nobleman
 - 2. People were saved/Lives were changed

10 Cities in the Regeneration

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

Gave me one/Here are five? No well done but...

5 Cities in the Regeneration

20 "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept **put away in a handkerchief**. 21 For I feared you, because you are an **austere** man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

Gave me one/Here's Your one back

You frighten me
 You are austere
 You take what's not Yours
 Then why didn't you do what I said?
 I think you are Harsh, rough, rigid
 What You did not earn. Oh.

IOWs You have all You need. Why should I help get You more? **Attitude of a Servant? Not good**

22 And [the Nobleman] 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. 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

You knew did you? gr. ā'-dō lit To Perceive a certain way so as not to act

24 "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' 25 (But they said to him, 'Master, he [already] has ten minas.')

Loss of Eternal Reward is a thing...

Revelation 3:11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

Use it or lose it...and that for Eternity

26 '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.

Servants Turn the citizens to the Nobleman

• **Citizens** Choice to accept/reject message of Servants. Repent/Believe

Those who accept the message become friends of the Nobleman Those who reject remain His enemies...

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

- 2nd Coming/Battle of Armageddon/Setting up or Kingdom
 - 1. **Bring them here** Reaping of Angels
 - 2. **Slay them before me** Sheep/Goat Judgment
- Wicked Servant: Watching in horror as those he was sent to tell now suffer

Christians will be judged for their works Motivated by the Spirit or the Flesh...

1 Corinthians 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. [c.f. 1 Pet. 5:4]

- Stuff that lasts? Love in action as motivated/led by the Holy Spirit
- We will all stand before the Bema seat of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the **terror of the Lord, we persuade men**...

Well done **or** man you smell like smoke? Remember... We were all enemies of the Nobleman before someone invested their Mina in us

III. Entering Jerusalem

Luke 19:28 When He had said this [parable], Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

- **Passover:** Two Million Pilgrims flooding into Jerusalem
- **Unrelenting Mission:** Unstoppable in spite of Satan, Peter, Anguish in garden

Isaiah 50:7 [700 BC] "For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore **I have set My face like a flint**, And I know that I will not be ashamed.

Luke 9:51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that **He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem**

29 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the **mountain called Olivet**, that He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter **you will find a colt** tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. 31 And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it."

Donkey: This King comes in peace

Zechariah 9:9 [500 BC] "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; **He is just and having salvation**, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

• Scene: Jesus, Apostles, Disciples, Ladies, Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus there too

Top of Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem

32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him." 35 Then they brought him [donkey] to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

- Prophesied Entrance of the King: Rolled out the proverbial "Red Carpet"
 - 1. **Pre-destined** transportation
 - 2. **Pre-arranged** seat of soft clothing
 - 3. **Pre-determined** road of garments
 - 4. **Pre-decided** route of Palm Branches [Mat. 21]

37 Then, as [Jesus] was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen...

As 1000 years before for King David

Son of David arrives as King only to be rejected

- Walking down the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem
- Jesus knows what the crowd does not...
 - 1. Begin shouting
 - 2. Retelling Miracles: Lame healed/Leapers cleansed/Demons cast out

38 [They were saying] " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

- Hosanna in Highest added in Mat 21
- Singing Psalm 118: Song waiting to be sung at Coming of the King

Psalm 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.23 This was the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. 24 **This is the day the Lord has made**; We will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. 26 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!** We have blessed you from the house of the Lord. 27 God is the Lord, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. 28 You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. 29 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

This is the Day that the Lord has Made

Not just any day that the Lord has made but the day prophesied by Daniel [Ch.9] 600 years earlier to the very day that Savior/Messiah/King would enter Jerusalem to die for our sins.

IOWs The common people declared Jesus King

39 [But] some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples. 40 But [Jesus] answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the **stones would immediately cry out."**

Nothing tells Satan and his followers that they have lost like the praises of God ringing in their ears. Satan loses because when God's people are really worshipping, their hearts and minds are on Him - And not on sin, self, or Satan's distractions. [Guzik]

If the People remain silent...Rocks would shout His praise

Psalm 148:7 Praise the Lord from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; 8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; 9 Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; 10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; 12 Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, **For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.**

Creation waiting 6000 years for God's plan of redemption to be accomplished!!

Accomplished in a way no one could ever imagine

IV. Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem: Missing it

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it...

- Descending the Mount of Olives Jesus sees Jerusalem
 - 1. **Greatest Kingdom** the world had ever known: David/Solomon
 - 2. **Glory of Jerusalem** now faded controlled by Pagan Rome

What a contrast! The King's [servants] shouting for joy, and the King himself weeping over the guilty city where the greatest tragedy in the history of the whole universe was about to take place. The King saw, in the near and more remote future, what no one else could see, so, when he was come near, and beheld the city, he wept over it. [Spurgeon]

• **Jesus wept:** Wailed. Burst into sobbing at lost opportunity. Mourning for dead

42 [Jesus said], "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

• **70 AD:** Less than 40 years later

Roman Emperor Titus
 Embankment
 Jerusalem Leveled
 Destroy what was thought eternal
Keep you in/Starving you out
Temple will be leveled. Children Leveled

There is nothing in history to exceed this horror. But even this is nothing compared with the destruction of a soul. [Spurgeon]

Why? Because they did not know the time of their visitation

V. Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Mark 11:11 [Chronology] And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. 12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it.

- Jesus scopes out the Temple: Late/Goes to Bethany. Lazarus, Mary, Martha
- Leaves Betheny to Jerusalem: Curses the Fig Tree [Israel]

45 Then He went into the temple and began to **drive out those who bought and sold** in it, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves."

Mark 11:20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.

Jesus cleanses Temple/Find the Fig Tree withered

IOWs Israel did not bear fruit/Withered Away

Historian Josephus: All hope of escaping was now cut off from the Jews, together with their liberty of going out of the city. Then did the famine widen its progress, and devour the people by whole houses and families; the upper rooms of women and infants that were dying by famine, and the lanes of the city were full of the dead bodies of the aged; the children also, and the young men wandered about the market places like shadows, all swelled with the famine, and fell down dead wheresoever their misery seized them. For a time the dead were buried; but afterwards, when they could not do that, they had them cast down from the wall into the valleys beneath. When Titus, going on his rounds along these valleys, saw them full of dead bodies, and the thick putrefaction running about them, he gave a groan, and spreading out his hands to heaven, called God to witness this was not his doing. [Cited in Spurgeon. He adds: There is nothing in history to exceed this horror. **But even this is nothing compared with the destruction of a soul**]

• **Jesus in Jerusalem:** Relentless for souls as the day approaches...

47 And [Jesus] was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, 48 and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

Taught them daily even w/cross is in view

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.

When we get to Jerusalem I will not be Crowned but Crucified I've come to overthrow the Sin...not Caesar

Jesus scoops up a few more souls on His way to the cross...

The prideful religious leaders sought to kill Jesus, yet the common unpretentious citizens of the Island of Misfit Toys [us] were very attentive to Him...and **He was very attentive to them.** [NJC]