

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS— GIVEN TO US!

GOD VALUES SERVICE

VALOR AND TALENTS Part-1

AND JESUS SAID UNTO THEM:

“FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AS A MAN TRAVELING INTO A FAR COUNTRY, WHO CALLED HIS OWN SERVANTS, AND DELIVERED UNTO THEM HIS GOODS.”

HERE JESUS IS TELLING HIS OWN STORY. HE IS AS A MAN ABOUT TO TRAVEL INTO THE FAR COUNTRY OF HEAVEN. IT IS A FOREIGN LAND TO ALL THE EARTHDWELLERS HE SPOKE TO THAT DAY.

EXCEPT HIS OWN DISCIPLES, THEY WERE ACQUAINTANCES, EVEN PARTNERS IN HIS FATHER’S BUSINESS. SO THIS ‘SON OF HIS FATHER’S BUSINESS’, DIVIDES HIS GOODS TO HIS TRUSTED EMPLOYEES, AS HE WOULD DEPART.

“AND UNTO ONE HE GAVE FIVE TALENTS, TO ANOTHER TWO TALENTS, AND TO ANOTHER ONE TALENT, TO EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY, AND IMMEDIATELY HE TOOK HIS JOURNEY.”

THESE WERE NOT JUST GIFTS, THESE WERE TALENTS TO INVEST FOR THE LORD. A TALENT WAS LITERALLY A CERTAIN WEIGH OF MONEY. IT ALSO REPRESENTED KNOWLEDGE, INFLUENCE, CAPABILITIES, DEVELOPED AND MULTIPLIED SKILLS.

THIS PERTAINS TO THE PERSON AND THEIR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL CAPACITY TO DO SOMETHING. WE ALL HAVE CERTAIN STRENGTHS, IF WE WORK ON OUR STRENGTHS, WE CAN DO THE MIRACULOUS.

LOOK AT MEN LIKE BILL GATES. HAVING STARTED WITH A TALENT, DEVELOPING THAT TALENT IN HIS GARAGE, HAS MULTIPLIED HIS TALENTS, HIS WEALTH MANY TIMES OVER, BECAUSE HE HAS DONE, WHAT LOOKS LIKE ‘THE

MIRACULOUS’, IN THIS LIFE TIME IN HISTORY.

OUR BUSINESS MANAGER HAS BEEN GONE, TO HEAVEN FOR MORE THAN 2,010 YEARS. DO WE EXPECT HIM BACK TO LOOK AT WHAT WE DONE AND SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH US?

IF BILL GATES GAVE YOU A GRANT OF \$5,000,000.00 AND EXPECTED YOU TO DO SOMETHING PROFITABLE WITH IT; WHAT WOULD YOU DO, WITH HIS GRANT TO YOU?

“THEN HE THAT HAD RECEIVED THE 5 TALENTS WENT AND TRADED WITH THE SAME, AND MADE THEM 5 MORE TALENTS.”

HOW MANY KNOW, THAT WEALTHY PEOPLE SOMETIMES LIKE TO GIVE A GRANT TO SOMEONE WHO WILL DO SOMETHING PROFITABLE WITH THAT GRANT?

THE WISE MAN HERE RECEIVED WHAT WAS OFFERED TO HIM. HE STARTED THEN TO ENGAGE IT, BY WORK, TOIL, LABOR, AND TASK. PERHAPS HE MADE IT HIS OCCUPATION. FOR HE DOUBLED THIS GRANT! SO \$5,000,000.00 BECAME \$10,000,000.00

“AND LIKEWISE HE THAT HAD RECEIVED TWO, HE ALSO GAINED TWO MORE.”

SO, AGAIN, THIS MAN TAKES A 2,000,000.00 GRANT, AND TURNS IT INTO 4,000,000.00. PERHAPS THESE FIRST TWO BUSINESS MEN, POOLED TOGETHER THEIR INVESTMENTS, AND TRADED WISELY IN THE STOCK MARKET OF JESUS TIME. OR POOLED TOGETHER THEIR DIFFERENT BUSINESS TALENTS, AND DID EXTRA-ORDINARY AS A PARTNERSHIP, BY DOUBLING THEIR BOSSES MONEY.

“BUT HE THAT RECEIVED ONE WENT AND DIGGED IN THE EARTH AND HID HIS LORD’S MONEY.”

DOESN’T SOMETHING STRIKE YOU ODD, WITH THIS 3RD BUSINESS MAN? THIS MAN,

FIRST OF ALL, HELD ON TO THIS MONEY AS IF IT WAS TEMPORARILY HIS. HE DID NOT DO BUSINESS WITH THESE OTHER 2 PROSPERING MEN. HE DID NOT BECOME A 3RD PARTNER. HE DIDN’T STAY CLOSE TO THE OTHER TWO, TO LEARN ABOUT HOW THEY WERE INVESTING THE BOSS’S MONEY.

NO HE WENT OFF AND APART FROM THE WISER BUSINESS MEN. HE DIGGED INTO THE WORLD, THE GROUND, AND BURIED HIS TALENT THERE. NOW, IF THIS WAS SILVER COINS, WOULDN’T THE SOIL TARNISH THE SILVER AFTER A TIME, AND RUIN IT’S APPEARANCE?

THIS 3RD BUSINESS MAN, CONCEALED HIS TALENT, AWAY FULLY. HE KEPT HIS TALENT A COMPLETE SECRET. “WHAT IF SOMEONE WANTED ME TO DO SOME INVESTING?” HE MUST HAVE THOUGHT!

“AFTER A LONG TIME THE LORD OF THOSE SERVANTS COMES AND RECKONETH WITH THEM.”

THE BOSS GAVE THEM ENOUGH TIME TO DO WHAT HE HOPED WOULD GET DONE, WHILE HE WAS GONE.

BUT THE BOSS NOW REVEALS HIMSELF AS THE LORD, IN THIS VERSE.

LORD=HERE EQUALS “SUPREME IN AUTHORITY” JESUS LEFT THE EARTH, BUT ASCENDED TO HEAVEN WHERE HE SAT DOWN IN SUPREME AUTHORITY OVER ALL MANKIND UPON THE EARTH. EVEN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF HIS FATHER GOD!

“RECKONETH” (FIGURATIVELY IS TO) “COMPUTE (AN ACCOUNT WITH AN ASSOCIATE” UPON CHRIST’S APPEARING BACK ON THE EARTH. IN THE COMPUTER AGE!

THE BIBLE WORD OF GOD COVERS ALL AGES OF MANKIND, EVEN DOWN TO OUR COMPUTER AGE, AND BEYOND!