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**A STUDY OF THE
PARABLES OF JESUS**

Matt 25

¹⁴ “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.

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¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

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¹⁶ The man who had received five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.

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¹⁷ So also, the one with two talents gained two more.

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¹⁸ But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

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¹⁹ “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

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²⁰ The man who had received five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

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²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

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²² “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’”

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²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

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²⁴ “Then the man who had received one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

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²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

Matt 25

²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?’

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²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

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28 “So take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents.

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²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

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³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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Matt. 13

¹⁰ The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

¹¹ He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

What Could He Be Talking About?

1 Cor. 4

² Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. ³ I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

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- The necessity of faithfulness while waiting.

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- What is a talent?
- What is this story about?
- How does it apply to us?

Application

Application: Reality Check

1. What you believe about God is the most important thing about you.

A. W. Tozer

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

A. W. Tozer

The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God. Worship is pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God.

A. W. Tozer

For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like.

A. W. Tozer

We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God. This is true not only of the individual Christian, but of the company of Christians that composes the Church. Always the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God.

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C. S. Lewis

I read in a periodical the other day that the fundamental thing is how we think of God.

By God Himself, it is not! How God thinks of us is not only more important, but infinitely more important. Indeed, how we think of Him is of no importance except in so far as it is related to how He thinks of us.

C. S. Lewis

It is written that we shall “stand before” Him, shall appear, shall be inspected. The promise of glory is the promise, almost incredible and only possible by the work of Christ, that some of us, that any of us who really chooses, shall actually survive that examination, shall find approval, shall please God.

C. S. Lewis

To please God . . . to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness . . . to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son—it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is.

—C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory* (1941)

Application: Reality Check

1. What you believe about God may be the *second* most important thing about you

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1. What you believe about God may be the *second* most important thing about you, but it is the most important thing you have any control over.

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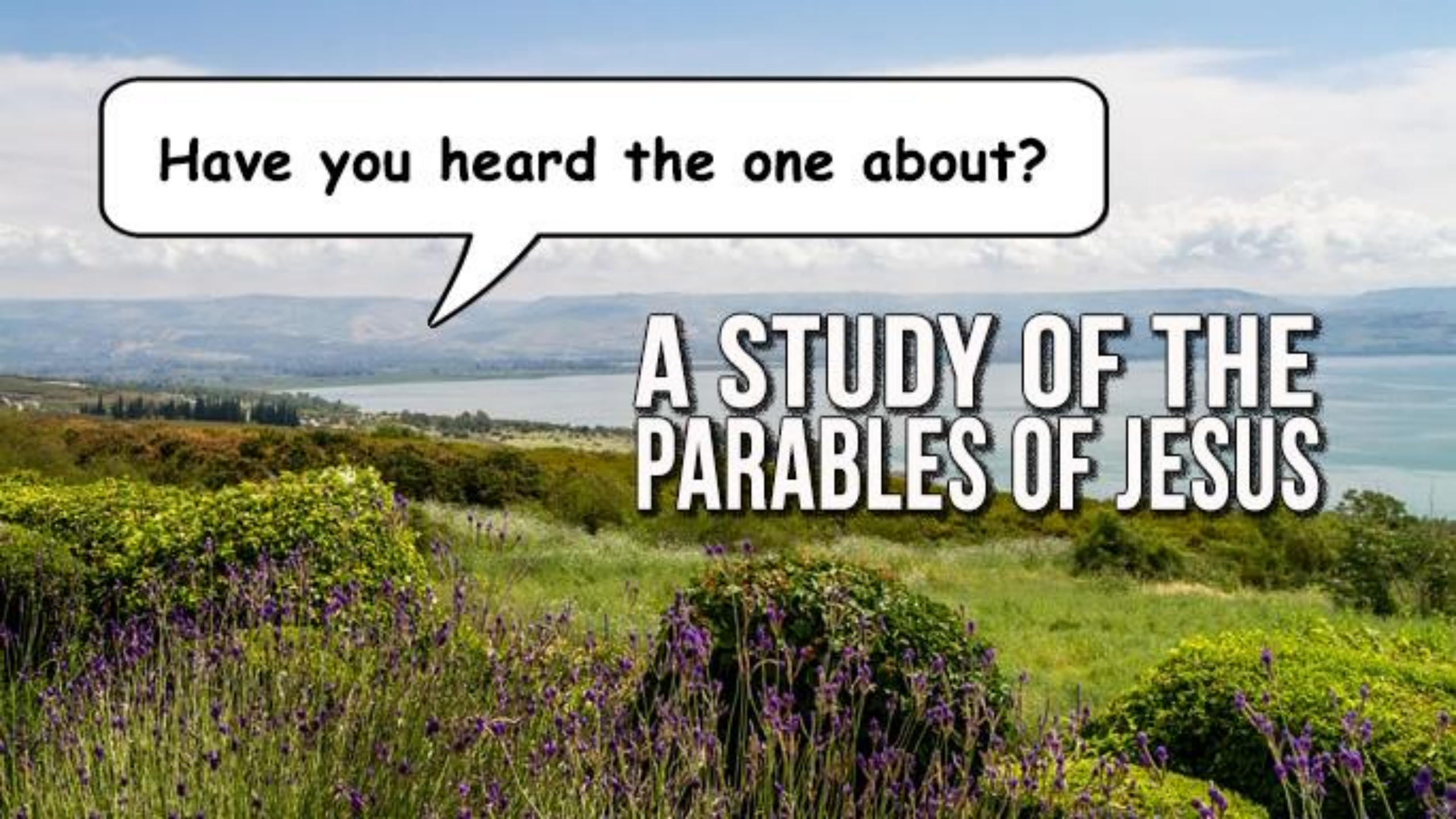
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3. Jesus is coming back. Live like it!

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In what ways are we failing to live like Jesus is really coming back?



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