

**November 10, 2019 – Luke 19:26-27** (NIV)

**Theme: November 10, 2019 – Luke 19:26-27 More or Less.**

***“He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away. But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”***

Just prior to this Text for today is the account of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector. As a tax collector, Zacchaeus was despised by the Jews. Despite all the things in Zacchaeus’ past, he longed to see Jesus, he repented of his sin and he produced fruits of faith and gave half of all his possessions to the poor. It was about Zacchaeus that the Lord Jesus said: ***“Today, salvation has come to this house, because this man too, is a son of Abraham. FOR THE SON OF MAN (Jesus) came to seek and to save what was lost.”***

Jesus is now on His way to Jerusalem to carry out His one set mission on this earth, to die for the sin of the world on the cross of Calvary. It is during this time that Jesus then told this Parable. In this parable we see 3 Different Groups:

1. Those who openly hated the Master that is they hated Jesus. (Jesus is the Master)
2. Those who used the gifts that the Master / Jesus / God has given them and served The Master Faithfully.
3. Those who put on a fine outward show, they are among those who have been given a Mina, but in their heart they are thinking about the Master. – ***He is a Hard Master.*** To this the Master says: ***‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant!’***

None of us can look into the heart of any other human being. And we dare not think that we can, only God can look into the heart.

This Sunday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of End Time – LAST JUDGMENT. From this parable we have a glimpse of what to expect when the Lord Jesus comes on the Last Day with all His Holy Ones. Those who protested openly against the Lord Jesus we are told.

***Vs. 27 - But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”***

The Group who put on a fine show, they also received the Master’s Judgment. ***“His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant!’*** .... “Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’

Those who remained faithful and who faithfully used the blessings given them by the Lord, that is The Master He says: ***“Well done, my good servant!”*** ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’

“The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’ “His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’

Can you imagine How you will feel on the Last Day, when the Lord God, the Judge of Heaven and earth says this to YOU. **WELL DONE MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.** The LAST JUDGMENT IS COMING. Whether people want to believe it or not.

What color is the carpet of the church? It is red with black and gold intertwined. I can say that the carpet is BLUE or GREEN as many times as I want, but the color does not change. Jesus and His Word Does not change.

Thank the Lord that You have been made Righteous by the Blood of our Lord Jesus, Our Risen Savior. **AMEN!**