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I just want to first of all thank the Lord for all He's doing. Sometimes we can maybe get relaxed or our flesh just gets a little tired as the song that we heard but we know He's never tired. Amen. Praise the Lord. He's always working.

Since we got back from Mexico we've had access to some of the sermons that Brother Justo is preaching. They can be heard a little better now and I haven't finished listening to this past Sunday's, I'm about halfway through. I did completely hear his message from the previous Sunday and I really enjoyed that. I thank the Lord that we have that access. If anybody here doesn't know how to get that access on the Internet, just let us know and we'll show you what to do.

We're going to go back. We've really been on the same subject even though I've given some different titles, the big picture is: the voice of the archangel. A very big part of that is what we see in Luke 19 because that's what really shows us what kind of judgement will be taking place.

The title I gave a couple weeks back was He Expects an Increase. That's what He's going to be looking for.

Let's go back to Luke 19. I'll just go ahead and start in verse 12 but we're really going to pick up around verse 15.

Luke 19:12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country for to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

We've mentioned this a few times now. He's not going to *a far country to receive a kingdom* to then just leave that kingdom to come back. But really we have to understand the *significance* of this is: he's going to receive *authority for the kingdom*. Praise the Lord. That's really what constitutes the kingdom: it's that *authority*.

When a king is crowned, at that point he has a kingdom. The land hasn't changed, the people haven't changed. But once he's crowned, I'm speaking in the natural sense, once a natural king is crowned, he receives *authority* and now he has a kingdom.

Jesus is using an example they would understand, especially since they were under Roman rule.

So he says *he's going to receive a kingdom and return.* [Luke 19:12] That's the Lord Jesus Christ. He's speaking of himself.

Luke 19:13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds,

Now we have to see the whole picture here: this is *not* chronological. This is *not* after he returns. But this is actually *before* he returns.

Luke 19:13 and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

In other words: do business until I return.

Luke 19:14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

Now who is this? Really it's the Lord Jesus that they don't want reigning over them. Yet here he calls them *his citizens* which would be the ones over whom he *should* be reigning. Amen

What we see today, what we call Modern Christianity, yes as long as Jesus Christ is in heaven, in general they love to speak: oh I really love the Lord. But it's a Lord that *they have made.* What do I mean by that? The one they are calling *their Lord* is really *not* the true Lord Jesus Christ.

They take certain things that appeal to them, like his forgiveness, his love, and they proclaim: oh how I love the Lord Jesus Christ. But if you let someone speak, really what *he* is inspiring, they say: oh I don't want to hear that, get that out of here. We're going to turn it off, we're going to shut it down. I don't have to watch that, I don't have to listen to that.

You say: Brother, do you have any Bible for that? I have to say: just read about Jesus' own life. Amen. We can see how they rejected him then. They *did not believe his words.* And today, half of what he said, people don't want to hear it.

Again, the part about forgiveness and love one another, oh yes. But the part about *many will come to me in that day saying, Lord, Lord,* and he's going to say: *but I will tell them, I don't know you, I never knew you* [Matthew 7:22-23] they don't want to hear about that.

Now I'm not saying that's something that fills our heart with joy. But I'm glad he spoke it because it's *a warning* to us. Praise the Lord.

Do we understand? I don't want to be one of those who will be saying *Lord, Lord.* [Matthew 7:22] So he gave *a warning:* we better be walking in the will of our Heavenly Father.

He said many other things that they found offensive or they didn't think was important.

One thing people don't want to hear today is: he said *if he comes in the second watch or the third watch and finds the servants so doing, blessed are those servants.* [Luke 12:38] Those aren't my words. Those are the words of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this time that we're living, God has shone light on the meaning of that.

Yes the first time we hear something, we might not always understand it. The first time or even the second or third time we hear something.

I remember Brother Jackson used to say: if you don't see it right away, put it on the shelf. Now he *didn't* say: dig a hole, put it in the hole and cover it up. How many can understand that? It's something we come back to and we look at from time to time. We pray, and in God's time He will show it. Sometimes we might have to pray more about it than we thought, but He will open it up to us in due time *in the capacity or the measure that He has for you or for me.* And we can rejoice because we can say: praise God, *I see it*!

So it says here:

Luke 19:14 his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him,

Or a delegation. What does that mean? A representation, or a representative or representatives.

Luke 19:14 saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

Again, you're never going to find in Christianity or in professing Christianity someone saying: we don't want the Lord Jesus Christ to reign over us. Just like in Samuel's time, you would not have found the children of Israel saying: we are rejecting Jehovah God. No, but they said *Samuel, you're old, you got problems, we want a king.* [1Samuel 8:5]

God told Samuel *don't feel so sad. It's not really you they're rejecting, they're rejecting Me.* [1Samuel 8:7]

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Today when the true ministry preaches the Word, we hear those who say: I don't want to listen to that, I'm turning it off. And even much stronger statements.

Like I said a couple weeks back, *the same day* I was ministering on this, another minister who in times past claimed to be seeing the same light as us, said: I don't want a lead apostle showing us the way. Those were practically the *exact same words* I had used that morning in my sermon as an explanation. It's *not* that I don't want a lead apostle showing us the way, but I said that as I was *explaining* the meaning of the scripture. [Luke 19:14]

We have had our *voice* taken off some websites. There have been many things said such as: we don't want *this man* being a lead minister, and things of that nature. Yes the person they are speaking about is *a man*, and really this has been happening all the way since the time of Brother Branham.

The Pentecostals rejected Brother Branham once he began to go into the deep things of the Word. Even more so in the Branham movement when Brother Jackson came along. What did they do? They called him a black bird. They are the ones who said that. So they're the ones who will have to deal with the consequences.

I know God showed so much of His Word through Brother Jackson. It wasn't Brother Jackson they were rejecting. They were fine with Brother Jackson until he started bringing out the Word that *the Lord was inspiring*.

It's the same today. No, they're *not* going to look at the Lord and say: *we don't want You reigning over us.* But they look at ministers and they say: I don't want *that one* as a leader, I have a problem with *this one* being in a position of leadership, or I have a problem with what *this one* is ministering.

I've said this many times. I remember that *every single time* Brother Jackson had an issue with what somebody was preaching, he would say: let's go to the *scriptures*. Let's see *what the scriptures say*. God had given him a gift and he could open up the scriptures. It wasn't Brother Jackson against *this man* or *that man* but when he saw *an error in the teaching* he would say: let's go to the Word and see the error.

Among *all* who have come against what's being taught in this Third Watch, *none* have gone into the Word to prove *this is wrong* or *that's wrong*.

I don't want to spend too much time on this. I know I've already spoken on it but I'm still just amazed how clearly and perfectly we are seeing the fulfillment of this scripture. It's *ministries* that are saying: *we don't want this ministry or that ministry*. [Luke 19:14] They're *not* saying it about the Lord. They're *never* going to say that. But it's *the men that the Lord is using.* They are speaking against *them. We don't want this man to lead us or these men to have,* we can say, *a leadership-type ministry.* [Luke 19:14]

Again when I say *leadership*, nobody is telling anyone what to do. It's all just with *respect* to the *gift* God has given certain men to show us the Word of God. Praise the Lord.

Luke 19:15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned,

When will that be?



That will be in the *Seventh Seal Time Factor.* We are not there yet. That's just a little bit in front of us. Once that *seventh seal* is opened, we will enter that *time factor.* We see there are still some things to happen before that, but it doesn't have to be far off. In fact, we can say: it's *not* far off.

So when he was returned [Luke 19:15] that's when the archangel comes down. [Revelation 10] He will be representing Christ because remember: it says the Lord is going to judge the quick and the dead. [2Timothy 4:1] How is he going to do that?

The literal Lord Jesus Christ *in heaven* will be judging *the dead* but the Lord Jesus will be here *in angelic form* judging *the living*.

What do I mean when I say that?

It's not that Jesus Christ himself will be here but that *archangel* will be *representing him*. When we see that archangel, we're going to be seeing *Christ*.

When Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the Mount of transfiguration, what does it say? It says *there appeared*. [Matthew 17:3] Who appeared? *Moses and Elijah*, right? *Talking with him*. Did Elijah come down from heaven? Was Moses resurrected? No, but most likely there were *angelic beings* who *took on the form* of Moses and Elijah. But it's just recorded: it was Moses and Elijah.

So what are *we* going to see if we're here? We're going to see the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord. Yes, we will know it's an angel portraying him but *to us* the image, the characteristics, and everything *will be the Lord Jesus Christ judging.*

Luke 19:15 when he was returned, having received the kingdom,

We've already read it but let's just go quickly to Revelation 5. This is speaking first of *the angels*. [Revelation 5:11] We've already spent some time on verse 13 but let's read verse 12. It says:

Revelation 5:12 Saying with a loud voice,

It says:

Revelation 5:12 Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power,

Amen.

Worthy to receive power.

What does it say in Luke? *After having received the kingdom.* What is *the kingdom*? It's that *power to rule.* Praise the Lord.

Revelation 5:12 and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

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Praise the Lord.

By receiving that, he receives the kingdom.

So *he's returned.* [Luke 19:15] When does he return? *After* the Gentile Age is over. That's when he returns.

Now this *return* is still not the rapture. This is still, we could say, approximately three years or three-and-a-half years *before* the rapture.



The rapture will occur *after* the Seventh Seal Time Factor, roughly where it says *Marriage in the Air* on this chart.

But the *seventh seal* being broken [Revelation 8:1] the Lord *receiving the power*, and the beginning of that *judgement* will all be at *the opening of the Seventh Seal Time Factor*.

Let's keep reading.

Luke 19:15 then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money,

And we have dealt with that also.

I'm going to look at our time in particular. When we came to the knowledge of the ministry of Brother Jackson, we were given *knowledge*. Many times I *marvelled*. I said: how is it that God *so freely opens* and *gives us* the revelation of the Word? I was amazed that He just gave it *freely*.

You may say: well we know that the grace of God is free. I'm not talking about the grace of God. The grace of God, salvation for lost mankind, yes we know that's free. That was paid by the Lord Jesus Christ. He paid the price. He did not have to but I thank God and I thank him that he did.

He was obedient to his Heavenly Father and out of love and out of obedience to his Heavenly Father, praise the Lord, he subjected himself to the cruellest death, the most painful and anguishing death. And he died on that cross to pave the way for our forgiveness and salvation. Praise the Lord.

But then, the Word of God so *beautifully opened* and *freely given*.

It says here:

Luke 19:15 that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

In other words: *taking* what we were *given* and then *gaining from that.* Amen.

If we have the Holy Ghost, going back to when Brother Jackson was here, I remember *the joy* the Word brought. Now I'm beginning to see just how *few* people really felt this same joy.

There were a lot of people who were just happy to be in an environment where they knew the Lord was doing something. They knew the Lord was using that man and they wanted to be a part of what the Lord was doing.

Yes we all knew Brother Jackson was *an apostle* but it was *more* than just that. We could go and we had *an expectation* that we would *learn something*. We had *a faith* in our heart.

Now, it wasn't necessarily every single time he preached that there was some groundbreaking new revelation.

Sometimes he would just teach something again with more clarity. Or sometimes he would take a subject related to our Christian life if he saw people getting a little off in some way. That was more, we could say, when he was preaching to his local assembly.

Still, we knew not much time would pass before we would be fed *something fresh from the Word of God.*

I know myself, I *rejoiced* when I would go and open that mailbox. We didn't always have the Internet. It was a totally different world back then. But I would go open the mailbox and see: there's a Contender! Or there's a packet of tapes! I thought: praise the Lord!

I didn't say *praise the Lord* because I thought: he's going to preach that we shouldn't be missing church. I didn't say *praise the Lord* because I thought: he's going to preach about how to raise our kids right. I didn't have any kids then. Now don't get me wrong: all of that has its place, but that wasn't what rejoiced my soul when I saw that there was a Contender or a packet of tapes in the mailbox.

I said: praise the Lord, I believe there's *something new I'm going to learn from the Word of God!* Praise the Lord!

When we would go to Convention, I thought *everybody* felt this way, but now I don't really know.

I can tell you *my expectation* and what I know was the expectation of at least some others. It wasn't: well I'm really looking forward to the food in the fellowship hall. Now I'll admit: when I was 8, 9, and 10 years old, yes I really looked forward to that. And even when service was over, I was glad they had it, but that *wasn't the point.*

It wasn't even the fellowship one with another. I have to say: I thank God that was a part of it, can we understand that? But that *wasn't the point* that pulled me there. I could go to other places and still have fellowship with people.

I lived in New Mexico. I didn't have to go to Indiana to have fellowship with people. I could just go to the church on the corner and maybe even find more people to have fellowship with than at Faith Assembly. Now that might have been a little harder in New Mexico but you get my point. There are just not that many people in New Mexico.

But there was *an expectation:* Convention has started, what does the Lord have for us? What is He going to *show us* in His Word? I just mentioned Convention because that's when I was physically there. But throughout the entire year, God used that man. What did He do? He *gave us a body of truth.*

Now it says here:

Luke 19:15 *that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.*

Luke 19:16 *Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.*

Now he *didn't* say: I've gained ten pounds. He said: *your pound has gained ten pounds.*

We have to *continue* to walk in the light. It's *not* that what Brother Jackson brought is not important anymore. It is of great importance. That's what we build on. And *he* built on what Brother Branham brought. It's really still the same message that began under Brother Branham.

If Brother Branham was still here today, God would have brought him right through all of this and we would hear *him* preaching on the *judgement* that's just ahead of us. In fact, he did touch on it lightly when he talked about the vision [Beyond the Curtain of Time] and other things. As time went on, God would have showed him.

But God decided: I'm going to use another man now. Then He took Brother Jackson. And He has *continued*. Praise the Lord.

So what is it? If the first pound is a *body of revelation*, then we have to understand the *pounds gained* are *also revelation*.

As we take what God *gave* us, if we have the Holy Ghost, *if we have received it by the Holy Ghost,* then the Holy Ghost is going to take that and as He *inspires* men to *continue in the Word,* we are going to be *able to see it* as well.

Then we're going to be able to say: praise God, I can see that's the truth.

Now there are others who are going to say: I see something off.

Again by the same Spirit and the same revelation, we're going to be able to *see*: that *doesn't* fit the Word. Or we may just feel uncomfortable but then God will use somebody to *expose it by the Word*.

So at the end of the day, it's just like Brother Branham said from the beginning: give it the Word test. Don't give it the: well that-brother's-smile-is-bigger-than-the-other-brother's test.

Brother Jackson himself said: a lot of times the tares will do better at that. As far as the external display, the tare is going to look more like the real thing sometimes.

He said: they can dance more than you, they can speak in tongues louder than you, they can cry bigger tears, and they can give you a stronger I-love-you-Brother hug. But at the end of the day: give it the Word test.

He's looking for an *increase* in our *revelation of the Word of God.* Praise the Lord.

This is where I thought I was going to be at about 7:40 and then go into John 12 and other places. But I'm going to have to wait to do that. Let's go ahead and pray.