

HE EXPECTS AN INCREASE 4

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I really don't know whether we will finish this message this morning. It may not be until next Sunday. But we know that we are living in a time very close to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We see that even from the beginning there was a great desire among the believers for the coming of the Lord. When he was lifted up, they were standing and gazing skyward. [Acts 1:10] Basically the Lord had to send a couple of angels to let them know: it's going to be a little while.

Even after that, we see for example with Paul, the *desire* and the *expectation* that Jesus was going to come in his lifetime. That was Paul's natural desire as I'm sure it was for the entire Christian church, or really I should probably say: that was Paul's *natural understanding* because the desire is a godly desire.

But as it was needed, God gave Paul *more light*. And *today* we can use what the Lord gave to Paul to *see* where we are in time. He said that there would be *an apostasy* [2Thessalonians 2:3] and we have seen that in our day.

I would say this really started in the late 1960s. There were certain movements, especially here in the United States among young people, openly rejecting, not so much the deep things of the Word, but the very basic things of morality and of what is a godly lifestyle.

The really troubling thing is that those people grew up and had children, and now their children have had children. And it seems like every twenty or thirty years there is another wave of how society as a whole *openly rejects* the things of God.

This all puts it within the time frame of *the days of the voice of the seventh angel*. [Revelation 10:7] We are still living in *those days* and we see *today* God has revealed *even more* to the church as far as time. And we know that is something that runs parallel with the events we see in the world.

For example, we know the papal office is an antichrist office. [Revelation 13:18] Yes that pope will say in a deceptive manner that he's Christian but we know that's an antichrist office.

I was reading the news just this morning about how the pope invited certain artists to the Vatican. There is one in particular whose work is just outright blasphemous. I don't even want to go close to saying what this man has done but nonetheless the pope invited him.

Even the artist himself said: the pope understands me. Well I can believe that because it's the same spirit. He said: he gave me a *thumb's up* and he gave me a mischievous smile. I don't doubt that either.

But just to think that the man who supposedly is the world-leader of the official so-called Christian Church, that he would entertain such a person, and really such a spirit. We have to see: that just shows how close we are to the full manifestation of the actual antichrist. Amen.

Other things that we've seen taking place just this week: how yesterday they thought there might be a coup of the Russian government, something that we would not even expect as a possibility. Yet we see how this world is really so much more fragile than what we might think is established.

We know one thing: the Lord God is watching over it and He is in control of it all. Amen.

Since we've been on this subject, the overarching message is: the Voice of the Archangel. That's the way Paul worded it.

Let's just read it real quickly. Let's go to First Thessalonians.

He says:

1Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout,

Now you can ask the Branham following: what is that *shout*? And they can tell you: that's the message of Brother Branham. You can ask the followers of Brother Jackson the same thing: what is that *shout*? They'll say: oh that's contained in the message of Brother Branham. And I have to say: Amen.

But then it says:

1Thessalonians 4:16

with the voice of the archangel,

Now if you ask *what is that?* to the Branham movement, I don't know what you're going to get. I'm pretty sure you're going to get a lot of different answers but as a movement, they do not have a revelation of the meaning of that.

You can ask the Jackson movement the same thing and you may get some who will say: it's the *seven thunders*. That's probably as close as you're going to get.

But really it's *not* the *seven thunders* because it says that *when that angel had sounded with a loud voice, it says seven thunders uttered their voices, right?* [Revelation 10:3] So that's *after*.

So really, what is *the sounding of the voice of the archangel?* [1Thessalonians 4:16] Well we've already gone into Revelation 10 and we've talked about how *that angel will be representing the Lord Jesus Christ*.

When you and I are brought before that angel, assuming that we will be alive when we're called for judgement, we're going to see him as Jesus Christ. It's going to be Jesus Christ *in angelic form*. The angel is going to take on the form of the Lord Jesus Christ. He will be giving *the exact same judgement* because at the end of the day, even Jesus Christ himself will give *judgement* as he will be inspired by Almighty God.

So as God can inspire the Lord Jesus Christ to give the perfect judgement, the angel who will stand here on earth in the place of Christ can also give *the same judgement* that Jesus would give if he was here because that angel will be inspired by the *same Spirit of Almighty God*. Praise the Lord.

There will be *no difference* in the judgement.

Let's go back to the book of Luke.

Luke 19:15

And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom,

This is important for our understanding. We're not going to see this correctly if we just read over that part and leave it in the back of our minds.

It says:

Luke 19:15

having received the kingdom,

Right?

So what we see happening *afterward*, this judgement is *after* he has received the kingdom. Which again, what is that? It's that *authority to judge and to rule*. Praise the Lord.

Now it says:

Luke 19:15

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

That's what we spoke of on Thursday: we have been given *a body of truth*.

From time to time I would tell my wife how I was amazed that God would just *so freely give*. Even back then, when I was preaching I would mention it in the sermons, how God *so freely gave us the truth*. How wonderful it was!

But little did I know: there would be a test up the road.

I thought everybody we were in fellowship with was seeing the same thing the same way. Yes I knew *scripturally* there had to be some who *didn't*, there had to be that *tare element* because the Lord spoke about it. [Matthew 13:38] I thought: there might be *one here* and *one there* but for the most part, praise the Lord, *this* is the body of believers.

It just goes to show, this is what it comes down to *and we need to hear this: before* we have to make *a sacrifice*, well it's easy, it's wonderful, and we can say: I love truth. As it's written in certain places: *for a while you were happy to rejoice in that light*. [John 5:35] Amen. Praise the Lord. But when it comes to: now I'm going to have to get on my knees, I'm going to have to seek and I can't just follow my family, mom, dad, brother, or sister, yes we still love them as family but we *can't* let them be the *spiritual leaders* in our life. Amen.

That's why when they said: *hey Jesus, your mother and your brothers are out there looking for you, they want to talk to you*. He said: *who is my mother? Who are my brother and my sister?* [Matthew 12:47-48] It's *not* the physical family. Praise the Lord. Yes we love them and from the natural point we are family, but the *real* family is the family of God. Praise the Lord.

So there came a test: God took Brother Jackson home. Before that, forty years before that, God had taken Brother Branham and the same thing had happened in the Branham movement. Yes they were happy, content: praise God, this is the prophet. But then God takes the man to see what we are going to do with what He gave us. Amen.

What are we going to do with what He gave us? Is there going to be an increase?

It says here:

Luke 19:15

that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

Now there is so much we can read this morning.

First I'd like to go to the book of Proverbs. I'm probably not going to read everything that I had planned but let's go to Proverbs chapter one.

When we read the book of Proverbs, first of all it's a book, I'm going to say: it never gets old. I mean none of them do, but my point is: we never get to a point in our life where we don't need the book of Proverbs anymore.

We can tell the young people: read that book, it is so beautiful. And yes, I will say for the young person and throughout life: there is wisdom contained in this book that will tell you how to live life.

When you go to school, there is no class in which they teach: here's the way to live life and have a good life, right? But in this book of Proverbs, you can learn that. And even beyond the natural life, as Paul said that *godliness is profitable for both this life and for the world to come*. [1Timothy 4:8]

It's not so much this life that really matters. As far as the natural life, yes for seeing good days and enjoying life, Peter referenced it as well. [1Peter 3:10] That's something that we all want, right? Amen. It's in *this* book.

But that's not really the point of the book of Proverbs. Going beyond that, the wisdom, the knowledge, and the understanding that Solomon was talking about, that's the *knowledge of God*, the *wisdom that God gives*, and the *understanding that God gives*.

So let's start here in chapter one.

Proverbs 1:1

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

Proverbs 1:2

To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

Proverbs 1:3

To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

They're talking a lot about *equity* in the world today. Well guess what? Solomon beat you to it and he knew what *true equity* was.

Proverbs 1:4

To give subtlety to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

So yes, I will say to the young people: read this book and put it to work.

It will benefit your natural life and at least give you a foundation where you can then put more focus on your spiritual life. This will also give understanding for your spiritual life.

Now he says here:

Proverbs 1:5

A wise man will hear,

A wise man will hear. Not everyone will hear. There is a Word of the Lord *today* not everyone wants to hear. There are those who are closing their ears. They will tell you openly: I don't listen to it, I turn it off.

But here it says: *a wise man will hear.* His spiritual ear is in tune with what the Lord would have to be said. Praise the Lord.

You say: well Brother, there's a lot of false teachings out there today. Yes there are.

It reminds me of the old analog radios. They had a dial: you could see that needle moving back and forth. The signals of *all* the radio stations were passing through that radio, but you could turn that dial if there was a certain station you wanted. Once you got to that point, instead of all that static noise, suddenly you could hear them say: good morning everybody! It was just a nice clear signal. Even though the signals of all the other stations were still coming and were still present, it would just pick up on that *one*.

If you have the gift of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, your *spiritual ear* is going to be able to *discern* what to listen to. Praise the Lord. Because it's the *same Spirit* that inspired this Word in the first place. Praise the Lord.

Now it says here:

Proverb 1:5

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning;

What's our title today? *He*, the Lord, *Expects an Increase*. That's what He's looking for because that *increase* really is *the evidence* that we truly are His child, that we are being led by the Spirit of God. As Jesus himself said: *that Spirit will guide you into all truth.* [John 16:13]

He's *not* going to stop with the truth that He gave Brother Branham but *He will guide you into all truth.* Amen.

He's *not* going to stop with the truth that He gave through Brother Jackson but *He will guide you into all truth.* Praise the Lord.

Proverbs 1:5

and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels;

In Spanish it says: *shall obtain wise counsel. Amen.*

So here we see one who is already viewed as *wise* or *knowledgeable*. He's going to listen and he's going to *increase*.

We can read that even about the Lord Jesus Christ himself in the book of Luke. This is speaking of the years between about twelve and thirty. It says here:

Luke 2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature,

Now if we read what happened before, he was already able to answer the questions of the doctors. [Luke 2:46-47] When I say *the doctors* I'm not talking about medical doctors but I'm speaking of the teachers, the rabbis, the Pharisees.

I have no doubt that Jesus himself had certain questions to which he desired the answers. He went to those who should have had the answers but as the conversation continued, they began to realize: he has knowledge that we don't have. They began to ask *him* questions and *he* could answer *their* questions *at twelve years old*.

Please don't think that young children can't grow in spiritual knowledge. Now when I say that, I have to be careful because parents may start pushing their children: when are you going to be baptized? You're almost a teenager now, or you are a teenager. I have to say: leave them alone in that. God is the One who draws.

Just provide an environment and have a time for the reading of the Word. Tell them: if they have a question, they can ask. And when they do ask, don't think: well they asked so here I come: I'm going to explain everything now. But answer their question, pray for them, pray *with* them, provide an environment for them to learn, and as they're willing to learn, teach them.

Teach them what? Teach them about the things of God and the Bible, as we see Paul mentioned to Timothy about *the faith of his mother and grandmother*. [2Timothy 1:5] But *don't* be pressuring: when are you going to give your life to the Lord?

So Jesus *at twelve years old* already had a great understanding.

We might think: if he could already answer the Pharisees and if he had the answers to the questions of the rabbis, that he was sitting pretty comfortably at just twelve years old. We might think that from twelve to thirty years old he could kind of relax and just enjoy life.

But it says:

Luke 2:52

Jesus increased in wisdom and stature,

Don't think that *stature* means he grew to be a great strong athletic man. I'm sure he had a good portion of natural strength as was needed, but that *stature* is really his *spiritual stature*.

And it says here:

Luke 2:52

and in favour with God and man.

Of course, the religious world today, they think he *is* God. But here it says *he grew in favour with God*.

This not only shows us that he was *not* God Himself, he was *the Son of God*, it should also show us that he did *not* have a pre-existence with God as others say, in the sense of already having been created as a conscious soul. If that was the case, he should already have obtained favour, having been up there for thousands of years.

But now from the age of twelve to thirty, in just these eighteen years, it says: *he grew in grace with God and man*.

Now let's go back to the book of Proverbs. Here it says:

Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is the principal thing;

Amen.

In Spanish it says: *wisdom before everything else*.

Wisdom is the principal thing.

Again, yes it's nice and wonderful to have natural wisdom, like I've said before: early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise. So it's nice to have that natural wisdom but what Solomon is looking at is *spiritual wisdom*.

How do we know that? We know that because he said *the beginning of it is the fear of the Lord*, right? [Proverbs 9:10] That's the beginning. So as we continue *in the fear of the Lord*, we grow in *spiritual wisdom*.

He says:

Proverbs 4:7
and with all thy getting get understanding.

In Spanish it says *intelligence*.

Well we know we're born with what we're born with. For some of us it's a little easier to learn, for some of us it's a little more difficult to learn. We can't change that.

But in English it says *get understanding*. Praise the Lord.

If we allow the Lord to lead us, every one of us is capable of growing in the understanding of His Word because it's the Holy Ghost that's the teacher.

Now the Lord uses *men*. Yes, they are the preachers but as we listen, as we study the Word, and as we pray, the Holy Ghost *reveals it to our hearts*.

Proverbs 4:7
with all thy getting get understanding.

That's *spiritual understanding*.

You say: Brother, you're getting all of this out of the Old Testament.

Well let's go to the book of Colossians.

Paul says here:

Colossians 1:7
As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

Colossians 1:8
Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

Colossians 1:9
For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will

Now don't think that *the knowledge of his will* is just His will for me to be a preacher, or it's His will that I have this job or that job. Yes He does have a will for the natural things of our life and even our callings but when it says *His will*, He has a plan for the Church of God, for the redeemed.

Notice Paul doesn't stop there but I'll say: he *clarifies* that.

He says here:

Colossians 1:9
in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Paul is *desiring* that these Colossians be filled with *spiritual wisdom and understanding*.

He could have stopped there as well but he continues:

Colossians 1:10
That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing,

That lets me know: I have to have that *knowledge*. I need to have that *understanding* if I'm going to walk *pleasing to the Lord*.

That's one of the problems with the church world today. They want to please the Lord but they *don't* want the revelation of the Word of God.

Paul is saying here: *I desire for you to have that so you can walk worthy and pleasing to the Lord. Praise the Lord. Pleasing Him in all things.*

Colossians 1:10
being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

So, not only that we would be *filled* but that we would be *increasing*. Amen.

There is no stopping point. We don't graduate from Bible school. We don't say: well praise the Lord, I've got that, I've got my understanding. You can be eighty years old and still learning the things of the Lord. Praise the Lord.

That's one of the beautiful things: the spiritual mind doesn't work exactly like the natural mind. You might not remember what you had for breakfast yesterday but you can still grow spiritually and God can still open His Word to you.

Now was this just for the Colossians? You know it wasn't just for the Colossians but this was Paul's desire *for every church*.

As I was saying on Thursday, when Brother Jackson was here, oh how much we rejoiced when the Contender was there in the mailbox! Or the tapes! And then it got even better when it began to be broadcast by Internet. We could watch the messages as soon as they happened. We didn't have to wait a month so they could get the tapes together for the month and then send them, or wait for the Contender to arrive but now we could watch the sermons *live* and what a great blessing that was!

But as God took His man, He did *not* take His Word, He did *not* take His Spirit. The same Spirit that inspired Brother Branham and inspired Brother Jackson *is still here today*.

Then there began to be certain questions. That's *the nature of our growth in the knowledge of the Lord*. There was one I was really thinking about a lot and that was on the Two Days. [Hosea 6:2]

I knew God did not have Brother Jackson to minister on that *for ten years* so that at the end of the day it really wasn't anything to look at. But the question really was: when did it start?

Even Brother Jackson said that was the question. He gave his best understanding that as far as the Lord had allowed him to see, he thought it started at 33 AD.

But that was my question: when did it start?

Then we got around 2011 ~ 2012 and I heard it! Praise the Lord! It rejoiced my soul! I'm not saying that was the first thing. There were other things that the Lord had already been showing since Brother Jackson's death.

For the life of me, I can't imagine how somebody can be living now in 2023, coming up on twenty years since the Lord took Brother Jackson, and think that the Lord has not opened up more of His Word.

Just look at Brother Jackson's own life: he was preaching new and beautiful truths in 1967, *two years* after Brother Branham passed. The Lord continued to open His Word. Brother Jackson himself said: the Lord will not stop doing that until He takes His church home.

We're almost *twenty years later* now, how can we think: well there really hasn't been more opened up to the church? I have to say: we need *to tune* what we're listening to.

Now let's go back to Luke 19.

He said:

Luke 19:16

Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

It's very important we understand that he did *not* just say: I have obtained or worked for ten pounds, but he said *your pound has gained ten pounds*. Praise the Lord.

We're not excluding, removing, or separating ourselves from what we received under the *second watch* or the *first watch* but what God has *given us* is really what *helps us to see* the truth that's being revealed *today*. Praise the Lord.

Not only did we receive truth, but the true Holy-Ghost-filled believer learned *how* to receive truth. When I heard Brother Jackson preach new truths, I did *not* just say: well praise the Lord, God gave him something new, yes I understand it. And I just went down the road. No, but I looked at it *in the Word*, I still examined it *with the Word*.

It wasn't the fact that Brother Jackson preached it because Brother Jackson himself is *not* the Word. Brother Branham was *not* the Word. A lot of people want to make them that. There's only one who was the Word, that's the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord.

But as the Word was taught, then we could take that to the Bible and in prayer, and allow the Holy Ghost to reveal it. And if we had been receiving it *by revelation*, then we can still receive by revelation *today*.

We have *truth* to compare the *new truth* to, so we can grow. It has to be *consistent*. It has to be a *continuation*. It can't contradict what the Lord has already shown but it has to fit with what we already know is true. That's *how* that pound *gained ten more*. It's still that pound to start with, that's our starting point. Amen.

So *the first came* [Luke 19:16]

Luke 19:17

And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful

What does faithful mean? Full of faith. Amen. Now that's not talking about faith for healing. We need that but this is that *faith: belief in the Word of God*. Praise the Lord.

Luke 19:17

in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

In Spanish it says: *you will have authority over ten cities.*

So the kingdom has not yet been set up in that sense, but this is going to be your reward in the Millennium.

Luke 19:18

And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

Luke 19:19

And he said likewise unto him, Be thou also over five cities.

So we're not always going to all have the same gain. That's depending on the gift that God has given us but he expects *an increase* of all of us.

Now, when will this happen?

It will be during the Seventh Seal Time Factor.

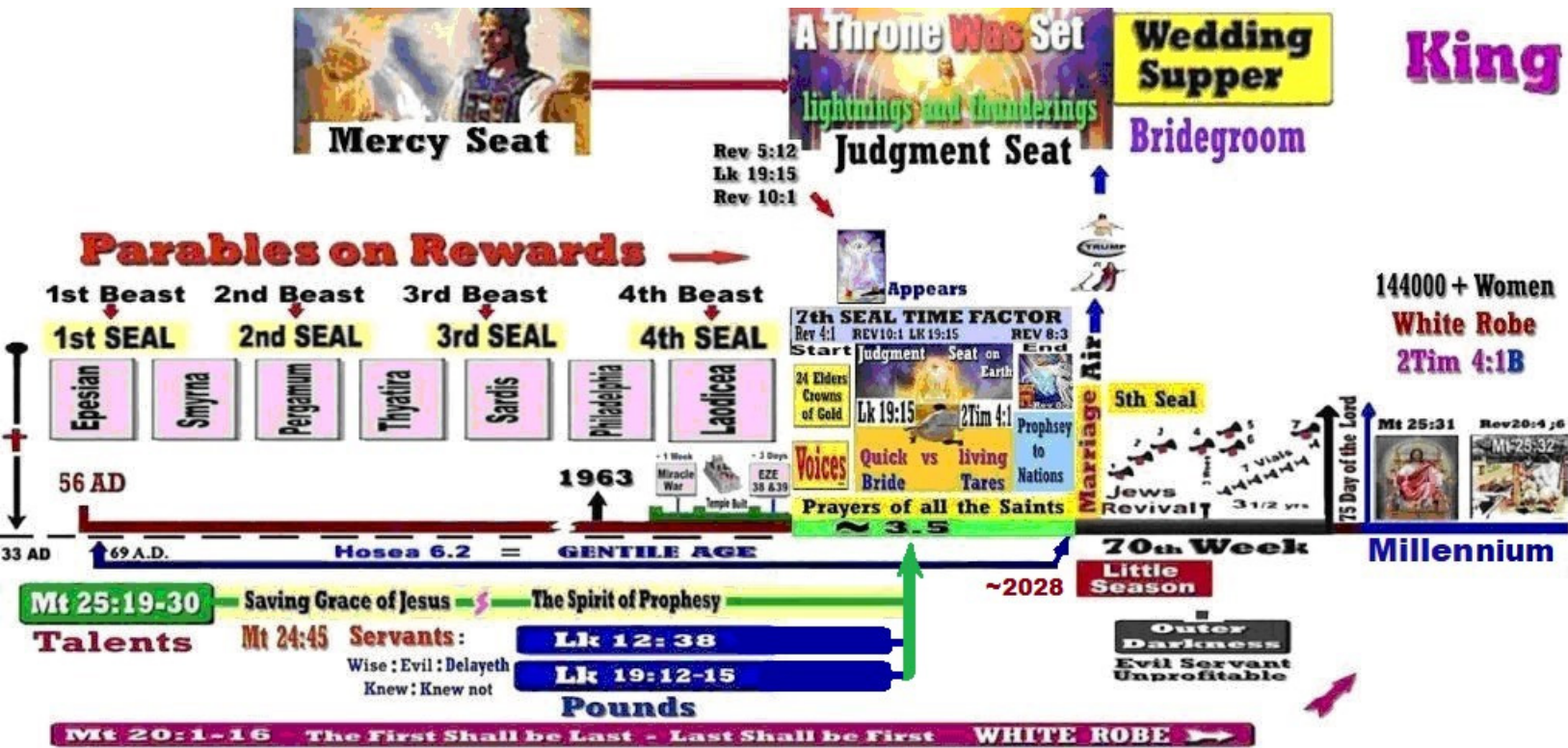
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And when will that be?



The seventh seal will be broken when the Lord finishes up his work with the church at the closing of Laodicea. That's what will put us into Revelation 10.

The only thing we read there is: *he cried with a loud voice as when a lion roareth.* [Revelation 10:3] But it's what we are reading in Luke 19 that gives us the *understanding* of the content of that voice. It's the *judgement to the living and the dead bride saints* as well as we're going to see, to the *evil servant* also.

Luke 19:20
And another came,

Notice it doesn't say: and the third came. It just says *another came.*

Luke 19:20
saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

I've kept it under care. I have cared for it. I've treasured it, if we can say that. It was important for me.

He says:

Luke 19:21
For I feared thee,

There are many today, *they fear*: oh they don't want to believe error.

I have to say: that makes two of us. I don't want to believe error either, but we can't just sit down and close our eyes and ears to everything and say: well this is what I was given.

We have to allow the Holy Ghost to lead us. We have to walk in the light. Jesus said *walk in the light*. He didn't say sit down in the light, he said *walk in the light*. [John 12:35] The light is moving on. If we fail to walk with that light, before we know it, we may *think* we're in the light but darkness creeps in.

Have you ever worked outside in the evening? I mean I'm sure we all do it here because it's so hot in the day. You say: well I have some work to do around the house, I'm going to start around 6:30 or 7:00. Then you're out there working and working, and you finally think: it's starting to get a little dark, it's a little hard to see. You go inside the house and one minute later you look out the window and it's black! It was dark out there and you didn't even know it! No, because you got used to the darkness.

That's fine in the natural as long as we don't hurt ourselves. But in *the spiritual* we have to keep walking with the light or we're going to end up being deceived.

Luke 19:21

For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

Luke 19:22

And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant,

I'm running low on time now. When he says *wicked servant*, and we could continue to read, he does *not* receive a reward. *Even what he has is taken away*. [Luke 19:26] That's the truth.

The one who is called *wicked servant*, we have to understand that's *not* a bride saint. That's not even a foolish virgin [Matthew 25] or part of the great multitude. [Revelation 7:9] He calls that individual an *evil* or a *wicked* servant.

We have to understand: that individual had never really received the Holy Ghost to begin with. They were happy to rejoice in the light for a season. They were happy to keep what they felt they had been given. But at the end of the day, even *that* is taken from them.

So he says here:

Luke 19:23

Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming

This is *the coming*:



This is the *return from receiving the kingdom* and judgement will now take place.

Luke 19:23

at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

Luke 19:24

And he said to them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

Luke 19:25

(And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

Luke 19:26

For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given;

To every one that hath, to every one who truly has, it shall be given. More shall be given, right?

He says here:

Luke 19:26

and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

How could that be? *He hath not* but *even that which he has*, right? What we have to understand is: yes by what we all see, oh they have this understanding, but they really don't have it as *a true divine revelation*. They have it because the man-of-God spoke it and they *accepted it on that basis*. It's an *intellectual understanding* but they never received it as a divine revelation.

Those who did *receive divinely*, they will receive *more*. But those who didn't, *in time* they are going to lose even what they've been given. *In time* there are going to be questions, it's going to be looked at *as not important*, and they're going to lose even that which they thought they had. They can make a claim to it but really *the substance* will not be there.

So again, if we ask: when is this happening? What we're seeing here: *you've gained, you're going to have ten cities, you're going to have five, or to the wicked servant: take away that which he has and give to another*, when is that happening?

That's going to happen during the Seventh Seal Time Factor.

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This will be *on the earth*. That's the archangel who will be speaking this. It's *the voice of the archangel*. [1Thessalonians 4:16]

Again, we will see that archangel *as* Jesus Christ.

He will be *manifesting* Jesus Christ as he will *judge* both the *righteous* and those who have been, we can say, *associated with the righteous*.

This won't be to the whole world. It's going to be to the *bride* and to what would be the *so-called bride*: those who will walk up until the time of the end. That's when that judgement will be.

I'm going to go ahead and close with that. We'll see if we can cover a little more on this next time.