

7-21-2024 Sunday Sermon Message  
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16  
Text: Luke 19:10-27

Title: **The Parable of the Pound, and the Rewards of Kings and Priests in the Millennial Kingdom**

Jesus spoke in parables about the future when He would return at the end of the Great Tribulation to judge the world and establish His millennial kingdom on earth.

He spoke in parables about when He ascended to heaven and comes again as King of kings and Lord of lords and established His kingdom on earth. He likened himself to a nobleman. He said that he was going to the third heaven as that he was going to a distant country.

Before He left, He called ten servants and gave each one a pound and told them to Occupy until He come. He gave his disciples a pound of something, told them to do occupy with it, and to take something with it.

The Apostle Paul testified that those who are born by faith are Abraham's seed and will be blessed with him:

**"<sup>7</sup> Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. <sup>9</sup> So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."(Galatians 3:7-9)**

After sending his faithless nephew Lot away, God finally called Abram and told him how he was going to take possession of the land:

**"<sup>14</sup> And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:**

**<sup>15</sup> For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.**

**<sup>16</sup> And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.**

**<sup>17</sup> Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.**

**<sup>18</sup> Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord."(Genesis 13:14-18)**

At that time, Abram did not look or walk until the Lord God spoke to him, but his nephew Lot looked upon the whole plain of the Jordan for himself. So he separated himself from Abram by choosing the whole plain as he thought and moving eastward. But it was before the Lord God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, and it was as beautiful as the garden of the Lord and the land of Egypt.

Abram was as a Christian of faith who followed the Word, and Lot was as a carnal Christian who followed the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes, and the pride of this life. Abram, who followed the word, dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plains, pitching his tent toward Sodom.

God has given Christians who profess to believe in Him a Bible that contains the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is still telling each person who receives the Bible to look to the place where the Word of God is to be preached. Not only that, but he is telling us to walk toward where we look. God is telling each of us to carry a Bible, a pound, that He has given to each of us, and to preach the gospel and win souls, so that we can occupy in the land and take possession of it.

The resurrected Jesus said to his disciples:

**"<sup>6</sup> When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"**

**7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.**

**8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

**9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.”(Acts 1:6-9)**

The Apostle Paul told the pastor Timothy about those who would receive authority to reign with Christ:

**“12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:”(II Timothy 2:12)**

When Jesus told the parable of the pound, He said that those who made pound behind would rule over ten cities and five cities. But the one who did not leave behind was rebuked as a wicked servant. He also told them to kill all those who did not want him to rule.

The psalmist David prophesied that God would give his Son an inheritance of all the Gentile lands and rule in his kingdom with iron:

**“7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.**

**8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.**

**9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.**

**10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.**

**11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

**12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”(Psalm 2:7-12)**

Therefore, the disciples who deny themselves, suffer, take up their cross, and follow Christ will receive the blessing of ruling with Christ in the millennial kingdom that Christ will establish when He comes. The Apostle Paul testified of this hope of glory to the suffering saints in Rome:

**“16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

**17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.**

**18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”(Romans 8:16-18)**

The Apostle John was raptured in the Holy Spirit and went up to the throne and heard the twenty-four elders sing a new song and testify:

**“9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

**10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”(Revelation 5:9-10)**

**Amen! Hallelujah!**