

3 January 2016: Preached by Elder John Leong

Topic: Occupy till I Come

Scripture Text: Luke 19:11-27

1. The Lord Jesus told this parable of the pound which was very familiar to the people but used it to illustrate an important spiritual truth. There are 3 groups of people in this story and we belong to one of the 3 groups. You can be the enemies of the nobleman or the false unfaithful servants or the true faithful servants.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ is the nobleman in this story. He has gone away to receive the Kingdom and will come back to His country one day to reign as King. The Lord Jesus came to this world the first time to be our Saviour. He died for our sins on the cross, rose on the 3rd day and then ascended to Heaven. He promised to return and His 2nd coming will be a day of judgment and accountability.
3. In this parable, the enemies of the nobleman were slayed when he returned. All who reject and despise the Lord Jesus Christ will not escape the judgment of the Lord Jesus when He returns to this earth again. All humanity belongs to Him. Jesus Christ is the Creator and owns every soul on earth. This is a warning to all unbelievers today to flee from the wrath to come by believing in Jesus as Saviour now.
4. The 10 servants of the nobleman were given a pound each. They were told by their master to occupy till he comes back. There are 2 groups of servants. The first group loves their master and work hard to gain more pounds. They were faithful and trustworthy. They were humble before their master and were commended and rewarded. This group is the true believers who love the Lord Jesus Christ and will labour hard for His Kingdom. Believers will always see it a privilege and honour to serve their Master Jesus Christ.
5. There is another group of servants who were false servants. They did nothing with the pound and even accused their master falsely. They have no relationship with their master and do not love and honour him. This refers to professing Christians. They are found in Church but are false servants of Christ. In the end, these professing Christians were found to be wicked servants rejected by the Lord Jesus Christ.