

The Answer

Sunday Morning, November 8, 2015

Introduction: Be Ready! (Luke 12: 40)

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Then Peter Asks... (Luke 12:41)

Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?"

Jesus gives a difficult answer. Not a simple answer. A Challenging Answer. To make us think seriously about His answer.

I. Groundwork To Understand Jesus' Answer

Who Are the "Servants" in This Parable?

(Romans 6: 6 – 18)

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Everyone Was Born Good and Created For Him

(Ecclesiastes 7:29) Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes."

(Ezekiel 28:15)

You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

(Colossians 1:16)

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

II. The Good Steward

(Luke 12: 41 – 44)

41 Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?"

42 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?

43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

44 Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

† Vs. 42 - Steward - Manager, Overseer, Preacher

† Vs. 42 - Household - To Attend To (Note: Therapiah, Grk)

† Vs. 42 - Season – Time (his time/period of time)

† Vs. 43 - Servant - Slave

The Good Steward (Manager) is a Servant (Slave) Unto Christ.

Vs. 44 - Blessed is the Good Steward/Servant of God!

† Ruler -Designate

† All He Has - (an oblique or reflexive possession of)

Example:

Owner of a company owns all, but does not have his hands in all things.

III. The Bad Servant (Luke 12: 45 – 48)

45 But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk,
46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few.

For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

Vs. 45 - The Steward or Manager is still a servant of his choosing.

There are bad, hypocritical, unbelieving preachers. They seek their selfish purposes by using innocent people!

Vs. 46 - "Not Looking" - Not concerned with the return of Christ.

Oblivious to the signs of the end times.

"Cut in Two" - Severe Punishment

"Unbelievers" - No Faith, No Belief, Unbeliever

Vs. 47 - "That Servant" - Those servants who did "not prepare" or not make ready (Greek)

- ✝ Rejected the Coming Messiah
- ✝ Rejected the Gospel of Christ
- ✝ Not Saved

Vs. 48 - Those That "Did Not Know" Will Be Judged Accordingly (Romans 2: 12 – 16)

12 For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law

13 (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;

14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,

15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

(Luke 12: 48b) For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

Those Who Have Knowledge or Ability Will Be Required to Give An Account.

Jesus' answer to Peter was that all people were created to be His servants. Although, not all are servants of God. Many are servants to themselves and sin, choosing not to receive Jesus as their Savior and Master.

Conclusion: (Joshua 24:15)

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Christians in particular have a responsibility to be faithful to God.