

OCCUPY TILL I COME **Luke 19:11-13**

Some parables need to be broken down and researched throughout Old Testament and New Testament writings to fully understand the spiritual meaning of what the Lord was telling us. That is not the case with this parable at all. We will talk of just three things in the early portions of this parable.

THE MISTAKE OF THE DISCIPLES

Luke 19:11 These words reveal the secret thoughts of the disciples at this period in the Lord's ministry. Because of Jesus earlier miracles and many of His sayings they gathered that something remarkable was about to happen. Their hopes and dreams were of course that Christ was to immediately set up His glorious Kingdom.

Psalms 2:8-9; 102:16 The disciples were familiar with what the O. T. writers had prophesied regarding what the Messiah would do when He came to His people, He would build up Israel and come in His glory. He would conquer all His enemies and rule with a rod of iron.

Isaiah 11:12 They felt the time had come when He would gather together the dispersed of Israel.

Luke 24:25-26; Isaiah 53:4-11 Like so many of His followers these disciples did not realize that before His glory there must first be the suffering and the dying of this great Messiah.

Hosea 2:23; Romans 9:24-25 They had forgotten that God had said that He would call out a people for His name from among the Gentile nations through the preaching of the gospel - See **Rm. 10:12-15**.

Acts 1:6; I Thessalonians 4:16-17 The disciples did not understand fully what Jesus had in mind when He said He would build His church through the gospel message.

THE PRESENT POSITION OF CHRIST

Luke 19:12, 14 The Lord Jesus is represented in this parable by the 'nobleman' – (magnificent, exalted one, great, dignified, distinguished one). Jesus is gone into a far country to receive for Himself a kingdom. He has not yet received this kingdom. He has none of the attributes of an earthly King currently and most people today, like the nobleman in this parable, will not have Him to rule.

Luke 19:12; John 14:2-3 Just like the nobleman in the parable, Jesus has all intentions of returning.

John 14:30; Luke 19:15; Rev. 20:1-2 Presently Satan is ruling over this world but when the time comes for Jesus to come and be crowned King of Kings Satan's rule will be over.

Romans 8:33-34 Currently Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father praying for us and protecting us from the accusations of Satan. - See **Rev. 12:10**.

Acts 3:21; Romans 8:21-22 Jesus fully intends to have the earth and all His creation bring forth their increase when He returns to set up His glorious Kingdom.

THE PRESENT DUTY TO OCCUPY

Luke 19:13; II Cor. 13:5; Gal. 6:4 This precise phrase 'occupy till I come' is for all those who profess themselves to be believers. The call from Jesus to occupy should have us examine ourselves whether we are in the faith.

Luke 19:13; James 1:22; Matt. 5:16 Our master has no problem feeding us and clothing us and paying us wages, but he expects us to work for Him and not just give Him 'lip service'.

I Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17 To occupy means that we use every opportunity we have, our bodily strength, all our capacities, our money, our position in life, our sphere of influence, we use it all for His glory.

Matthew 24:44; 25:1-2 We are to 'occupy' or work like we are continually looking for His return, keeping our spiritual accounts in a state of constant preparedness.