



Stewardship

LET'S GIVE

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

Investing in Eternity

Matthew 24:44-51 NLT

Matthew 21 – Triumphal Entry

Major encounters with the Scribes & Pharisees
Religious Leaders
Hypocrites

Matthew 23:13

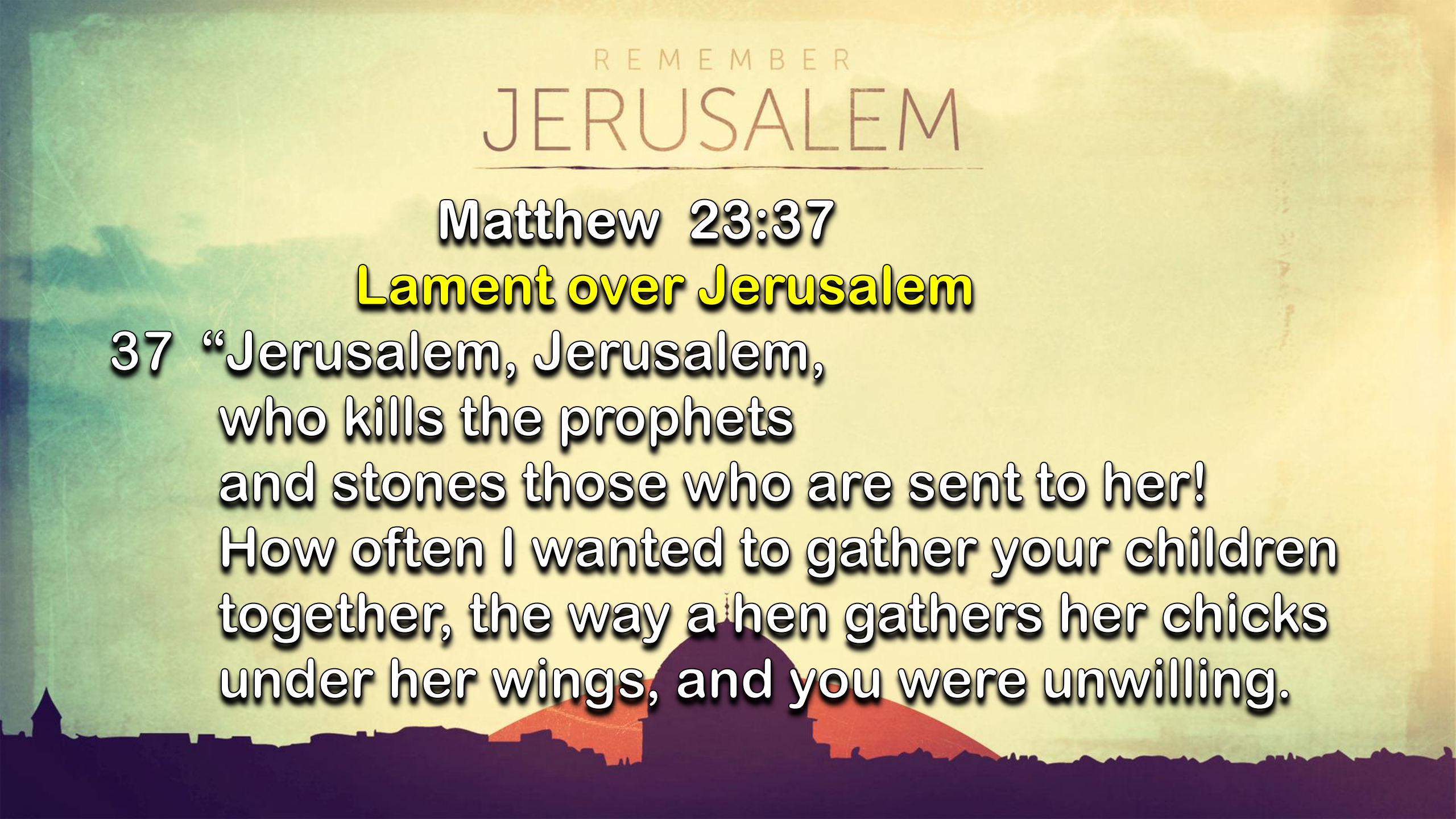
“But **woe** to you,
scribes & Pharisees, hypocrites,
because you shut off
the kingdom of heaven from people;
for you do not enter in yourselves,
nor do you allow
those who are entering to go in.

REMEMBER
JERUSALEM

Matthew 23:37

Lament over Jerusalem

**37 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
who kills the prophets
and stones those who are sent to her!
How often I wanted to gather your children
together, the way a hen gathers her chicks
under her wings, and you were unwilling.**

The background features a stylized illustration of the Jerusalem skyline in silhouette against a warm, yellowish-green sky. A prominent red sun or moon is positioned behind a large dome, likely the Dome of the Rock. The overall aesthetic is that of a parchment or aged paper background.

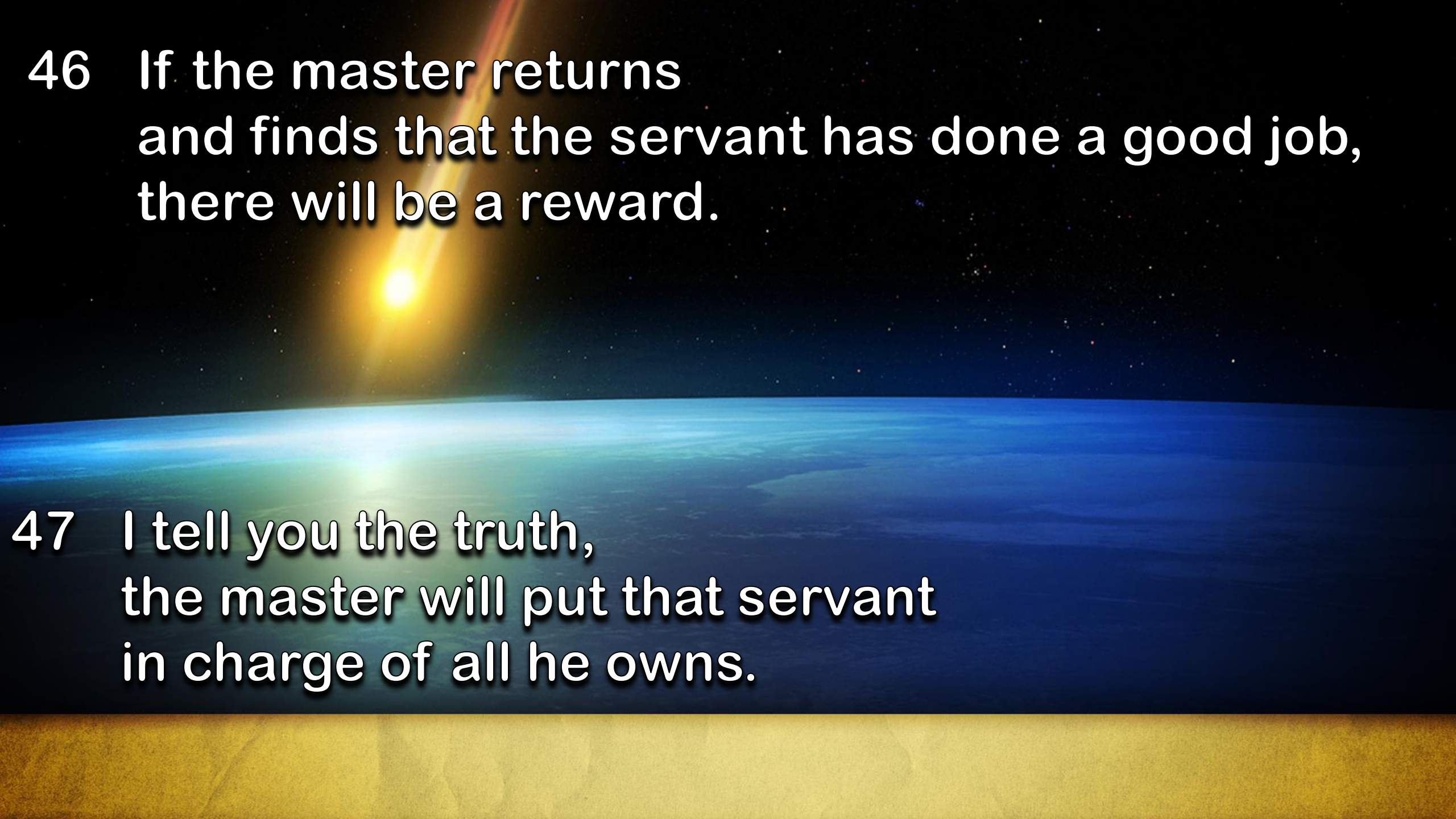
Matthew 24:3

3 As He was sitting on the **Mount of Olives**, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, **“Tell us, when will these things happen,** and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

Matthew 24:44-51 ^{NLT}

44 **You also must be ready all the time,**
for the Son of Man will come
when least expected.

45 **“A faithful, sensible servant**
is one to whom the master can give
the responsibility of managing
his other household servants & feeding them.



46 If the master returns
and finds that the servant has done a good job,
there will be a reward.

47 I tell you the truth,
the master will put that servant
in charge of all he owns.

48 But what if the servant is **evil**

and thinks, 'My master won't be back for a while,'

49 and he begins beating the other servants,
partying, and getting drunk?

κακός

*not meeting accepted standards of behavior,
'bad, worthless, inferior'*

50 The master will return
unannounced and unexpected,

51 and he will cut the servant to pieces
and assign him a place with the hypocrites.
In that place
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

(Severely Scourge Him)



KINGDOM
impact

You Must Be Ready! All the Time!

Matthew 25:1-13

Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

- 1 “Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 Five of them were **foolish**, and five were **wise**.

In the Bible, **foolishness** is most often an **ethical concept** and goes beyond a lack of native intelligence. Although the fool might be one who acts boorishly, naively, or imprudently, **he is more particularly one who lacks the wisdom which comes with the knowledge of God,** someone who, in his pride, is wise in his own eyes and acts contrary to the will of God and thus does what is evil. (intentionally or not)

10 “But while they were gone to buy oil,
the bridegroom came.
Then those who were ready
went in with him to the marriage feast,
and the door was locked.

11 Later,
when the other five bridesmaids returned,
they stood outside, calling,
‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’

12 “But He called back,
‘Believe Me, I don’t know you!’”

13 “**So you, too, must keep watch!**
For you do not know
the day or hour of My return.

T E N
L A M P S

What is this Oil for Your Lamps?

keeping one's inward Christian experience up-to-date
with full spiritual glow fed by the oil of the Spirit

Subjective

Inner

Passive

TEN
LAMP S

MATTHEW 25:1-13

the
Parable

of the
Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

Matthew 25:14-30 ^{NLT}
Parable of the Talents

14 “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.

15 He gave **5 bags of silver** to one, = **\$30K**
2 bags of silver to another, = **\$12K**
and **one bag of silver** to the last = **\$6K**
dividing it in proportion to their abilities.
He then left on his trip.

1 Bag of Silver = 1 Talent

1 Talents = 60 Denarii

1 Denarii = One Days Wage

Today: One Days Wage = \$100

- 16 “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money & earned five more.
- 17 The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more.
- 18 But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

19 “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.

20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, & I have earned five more.’

Doubled the Investment

21 “The master was full of praise.
‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful
in handling this small amount,
so now I will give you
many more responsibilities.
Let’s celebrate together!’

**GOD'S
TRUST**



22 “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’

Doubled the Investment



23 “The master said,
‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.
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Jeremiah 17:5-11



24 “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were **a harsh man**, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate.

25 **I was afraid** I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’

No Return on the Investment

26 “But the master replied,
‘You wicked and lazy servant!’

Wicked in Greek. **ponēros**, ‘bad, malignant’

It refers more specifically to evil,
not in its moral or judicial sense,
but in its **active form**.

It denotes **perversity of mind**
by which the natural man surrenders himself
to evil impulses.



Wickedness has its seat in the heart

Wickedness is inspired by Satan

Wickedness is progressive and contagious
in its manifestation.

The wicked man is utterly perverse,
finding unholy delight in his sin

Lazy όκνηρός,

a state involving shrinking from something, holding back, hesitation, reluctance, idle,

1. Unwilling to work or use energy
2. Showing a lack of effort or care
3. Like a slow-moving river

26 “But the master replied,
‘You wicked and lazy servant!’

If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant
and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate,
27 why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank?
At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’

28 “Then he ordered,
‘Take the money from this servant,
and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver.’

29 To those who use well what they are given,
even more will be given,
and they will have an abundance.

But from those who do nothing,
even what little they have will be taken away.

30 Now throw this useless servant
into outer darkness, where there will be
'weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

What are the Talents?

emphasizes the need of being
active in service for the Lord.

objective

outer

active

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TRUST**

Jeremiah 17:5-11



The Judgment Day

31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

MESSIAH'S
RETURN
2 PETER 3:8-15

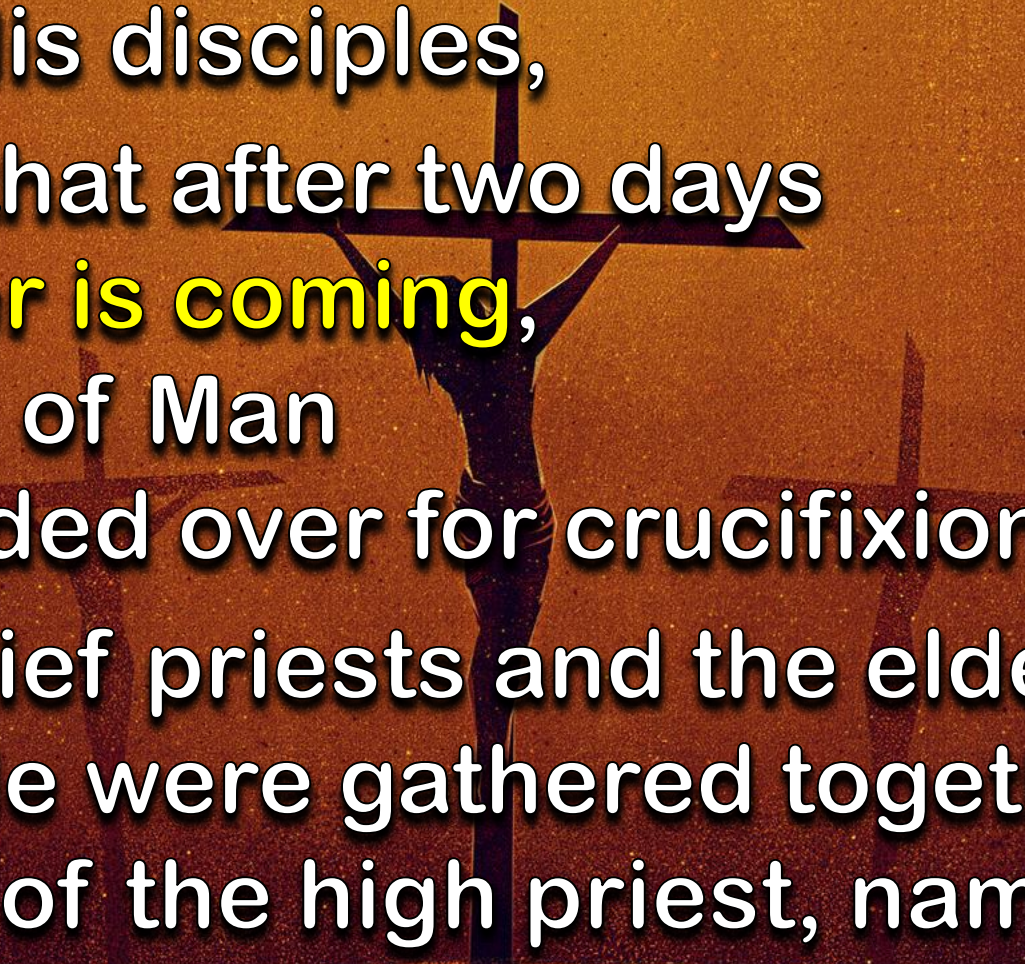


32 “All the nations
will be gathered before Him;
and He will separate them
from one another, as the shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats;

33 and He will put the sheep on His right,
and the goats on the left.



Matthew 26:1-4

- 1 When Jesus had finished all these words, He said to His disciples,
 - 2 “You know that after two days the **Passover is coming**, and the Son of Man is to be handed over for crucifixion.”
 - 3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas;
 - 4 and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth and kill Him.
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GOD'S TREASURES



Parable of the Talents



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Matthew 25:14-30