Rediscover Jesus, Part 71: "The King's Expected Return on Investment" Luke 19:11-27 Ps. Eric Yee

When King Jesus returns, he will expect a return.

I. King Jesus has expectations for his servants (vv. 11-14)

¹¹As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.

¹² He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³ Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

II. King Jesus has rewards for the faithful (vv. 15-19)

¹⁵When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business.

¹⁶ The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' ¹⁷And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' ¹⁸And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' ¹⁹And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

"The bride eyes not her garments But her dear Bridegroom's face I will not gaze at glory But on my King of grace

Not at the crown He giveth But on His pierced hand The Lamb is all the glory In Immanuel's land"

(Lyrics from "The Sands of Time Are Sinking")

III. King Jesus has punishment for the unfaithful (vv. 20-27)

²⁰Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

²² He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

²⁴ And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' ²⁵ And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' ²⁶ 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

²⁷ But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'"