

Occupy until I Come

(A study by Elder Jim Piekunka)

Luke 19:11-27 Jesus explains His Kingdom in Parable form

11 While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. 12 He said: **"A man of noble birth** went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. 13 So he called **ten of his servants and gave them ten minas**. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' (King James = Occupy until I Come)

14 "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' 15 "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, **in order to find out what they had gained with it**.

16 "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' 17 "'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'

18 "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' 19 "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.'

20 "Then another servant came and said, **'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. 21 I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man**. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.'

22 "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? **23 Why then didn't you put my money on deposit**, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'

24 "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' 25 "'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!' 26 "He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away. **27 But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them — bring them here and kill them in front of me.**'" NIV

Occupy = NT:4231 = pragmateuomai (prag-mat-yoo'-om-ahee); to busy oneself with, to trade or invest, or to occupy.

The Covering of the Lord

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Ps 57:1 Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge.

I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed

Isa 51:16 I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, 'You are my people.'

Ps 18:2-3 The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Ps 31:3 Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

Ps 28:8 The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

Prov 14:26 He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.

Ps 5:12 For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

We have a responsibility for Corporate Covering of the Church

Heb 10:25 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching. NIV

We have a responsibility for Covering our family.

Ps 68:5-6 A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. 6 God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. NIV

Ps 10:14 But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you; you are the helper of the fatherless. NIV

Ps 146:9 The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. NIV

We have a responsibility for Covering the world around us.

- The 3rd wicked servant **put his resource in a napkin.**
 - He had a wrong concept of the master and what it meant to occupy.
- **Napkin = NT:4676 = soudarion (soo-dar'-ee-on); of Latin origin; a sudarium (sweat-cloth), i.e., a towel for wiping the perspiration from the face or binding the face of a corpse.**
KJV - handkerchief, napkin.
- **Napkin or cloth = face cloth for perspiration of the living or for burial of the dead**
- **John 11:43-44 – Lazarus had this face cloth = 43** When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" **44** The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.
- **John 20 :7 – John and Peter found the face cloth of Jesus wrapped up – no longer needed**

We are to be free men and women but a prisoner of one thing! Hope

- **Zech 9:12 Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you. NIV God wants your gift anointed to serve.**
- **Isa 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" NIV**

Answer this question

Was Jesus just a prophet or was he the Christ, son of the Living God?

- **Jn. 6:28-29What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that you believe on him whom he has sent.**