

Mat. 25:14-30

Let us open our Bibles to the 25th chapter of Matthew. We will start reading at the 13th verse: "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of man cometh" (((continue reading the parable of the talents))) . . ."

I think this parable has a great deal in it that is of importance particularly to Christians. The message of the parable is for Christians not for those who do not know the Lord. For those who do not know the Lord there is only one message. They are the rebellious ones in the parable.. They need to realize their sin. They need to see their need of a Saviour. They need to turn away from their sin, they need to cease their rebellion, and to come to Christ. There are many sections in the Bible that are directly addressed to these. But this morning I want to look at it from the viewpoint of its message for Christians. They are the ones who are servants of the Lord, who went into a far country. And who is coming back and we don't know when He is coming back. As He says in the beginning of it, "Ye know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man cometh." The Lord might come very very soon. He might not come for some time. But whether He comes soon, or whether it is a distance off, this parable has a very definite message for each one of us.

When the parable speaks about talents, it is of course speaking about money then, but it is an illustration. It is an illustration for Christians and so it is very proper to use the word talent in this connection in connection with the other things that the Lord has entrusted to us. For the Lord has entrusted to some of us you might say 10 talents, or to some 5, or to some 2 and unto some one. But we must not draw from the parable that those who have many talents accomplish a great deal, and those who have few talents do not accomplish anything. That would be making the parable walk on all fours. We cannot do that.