(40) Parable of the Minas (Lk. 19:11-27)

- 1. This parable is remarkably similar to the Parable of the Talents [FW@J13] but critically different (Mt. 25:14-30).
- 2. Jesus delivered this parable in order to teach a principle and dispel an inaccurate supposition (Lk. 19:11).
- 3. The immediate appearance of the Kingdom of God fails to accept the previous rejection and consequent mystery state [GM27: Famous Parables of the Kingdom] (Matt. 13).
- 4. The details:
- a. A certain eugenic anthrōpos departed for a faraway region in order to take to himself a kingdom and return.
- b. The nobleman called a portion of his slaves and entrusted them with business activity.
 - 1) Ten "of" his slaves are provided one minas each. μνα̃ mna ^{#3414}_{9x} loanword from semitic, cf. מָנָה maneh ^{#4488}.
 - They are instructed to do business. πραγματεύομαι pragmateuomai ^{#4231}_{Hap.} (Lk. 19:13) & διαπραγματεύομαι diapragmateuomai ^{#1281}_{Hap.} (Lk. 19:15). LXX use in Dan. 8:27.
 - 3) The duration of their economic activity is not "while I'm away" but specifically "while I am coming."
- c. The nobleman's politai-fellow-citizens also apostello-commissioned a presbeia-embassy after the nobleman expressing their preferable Thelematology (Lk. 19:14).
 - 1) Their motive was hate (Lk. 19:14).
 - 2) Their stand was that of an enemy (Lk. 19:27).
- d. The slaves are evaluated as to their productivity.
 - 1) The productive slaves are rewarded with political authority and continued opportunity for additional production.
 - 2) The unproductive slaves are not entrusted with political authority and are no longer provided for production.

Note: these evaluation principles are also taught in GM27 but identical evaluation principles can be (and actually are) applied to <u>different</u> conditional testing circumstances without equating the conditional testing circumstances in any way.

- e. The enemies are slain in the King's presence (Lk. 19:27 cf. Ezek. 20:33-38).
 - 1) This is the private (wilderness) judgment of Israel in bringing them into the covenant glory.
 - 2) The Sheep & Goat judgment is the public (Jerusalem) judgment of Gentiles in bringing them into the covenant glory (Matt. 25:31-46).
 - 3) These are temporal judgments for entrance into the kingdom and not to be confused with eternal judgments.
 - a) Judgment Seat of Christ (Rom. 14:10,12; 1st Cor. 3:10-15; 2nd Cor. 5:10).
 - b) First Resurrection Judgment (Dan. 12:2a; Jn. 5:29a; Rev. 20:4-6).
 - c) Great White Throne Judgment (Dan. 12:2b; Jn. 5:29b; Rev. 20:11-15).