Matthew 25:14-30

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The Parable of the Talents

14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; **15** to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away. At once **16** the one who had received the
five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. **17** In the same
way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. **18** But the one who had
received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s
money. **19** After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. **20** Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five
more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made
five more talents.’ **21** His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter
into the joy of your master.’ **22** And the one with the two talents also came forward,
saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents.’ **23** His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have
been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master.’ **24** Then the one who had received the one talent also came
forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not
sow and gathering where you did not scatter, **25** so I was afraid, and I went and hid your
talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ **26** But his master replied, ‘You
wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather
where I did not scatter? **27** Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. **28** So
take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. **29** For to all those
who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who
have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. **30** As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.