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# THE RETURN OF THE NOBLEMAN

## Luke 19

A certain Nobleman went into a far country to receive for Himself a Kingdom and to return. Jesus is the Noblemen who went into the far country. The far country is Heaven. How far is Heaven? Measure the distance from where you are to the farthest star of the farthest planetary system is the farthest Milky Way, and you are not even half way there. But don't despair. As far as the Christian is concerned Heaven is not so far. For now in Christ Jesus have ye that were once afar off been made nigh by the blood of Christ?

The Nobleman said that He would also return, but He did not say when. In a similar parable He indicated that it might be a long time. After a long time the Lord of those servants came and made a reckoning with them. It might be a long time before the Nobleman returns. He could have been thinking about the twenty-first century, but we can be just as sure the Nobleman will return, as we can be sure that He told us the truth. He did say, "If I go I come again."

Now before the Nobleman went to the far country, He called ten servants of His and gave them each a pound. He told them to, "Trade herewith till I come, Transact business till I come." One pound for each servant is not very much. It is estimated as being anywhere between ten dollars to a hundred dollars. Whatever the amount is not very much, but it is all that we have been given.

Obviously none of us can do very much in the services of the Nobleman. How can you invest ten dollars of a hundred? The person who can lead twenty thousand people to the Nobleman has not done much more than the person who only leads one person to the Nobleman when you put it in perspective. Think of the six billion people in the world and twenty thousand people is a drop in the bucket. Twenty thousand converts are closer to one convert than the six billions population of the present day. Then add to that the number of saints from every tribe and tongue and nation and the contribution of any of us seems even more significant.

None of us can do very much. Our one pound is our ability. Our one pound is the gospel. Our one pound is the grace of God. One amount for each of us. There is not too much difference in any of us before God. The Person who holds a College degree must obey the same terms of pardon as the grade school drop out. The four-star General is required to obey the same terms of pardon as the private. The warden in the prison is required to obey the same gospel as the man on death row. The ground around the cross is level. There is no big me and little you. We have nothing to brag about. We each have only one pound and even that was given to us.

But it is astounding when you think of the return, of that one pound well invested when the Nobleman returns.

One person was given authority over ten cities and another authority over five cities. The reward for our small service in the service of the Nobleman is amazing.

Notice the commendation of the Nobleman to the man who had gained ten pounds. He did not say, "Well done thou fantastic and brilliant servant." His word of praise fell short of such accolades. He said, "Well done thou good servant, thou has been faithful." If the Lord tell us that we have been good and faithful that should be high praise for any one.

Then think also of the return on the one pound in regards to your service. We sometimes hear singing that thrills our souls. When the Nobleman returns those talents will be amplified to the nth degree. Your singing will make all the orchestras and bands of this world sound like a bunch of Kazoos. Some of you think that you can only sing in the shower. Think of what you will sound like when you sing in the celestial shower in Heaven. You might even be able to out do Elvis.

Notice also how the servants made their report to the Nobleman. They did not claim anything for themselves. They did not say, "Look what we did." They said, "Thy pound hath gained ten pounds or five pounds." It wasn't us; it was the pound that did it.

Paul says in First Corinthians that he labored more abundantly than all the other Apostles. He said, "I did more than

Peter. I did more than John. I did more than James. I did more than all of them." Did he mean individually, or all of them put together. It would be hard to argue with his conclusions however he meant it. And then after saying that he said, "Hold the phone, scratch that, wait a minute, let me re-state that, it wasn't I that did it. It was the grace of God that was bestowed on me that did it." Paul says I am nothing. The Gospel is everything. Thy pound Lord hath gained ten pounds, thy pound Lord hath gained five pounds.

Sometimes I mention the names of some well-known preachers of years ago to young preachers and they usually say; "Never heard of him." We strut around like we are really important, but we won't be gone very long before no one will remember that we ever lived.

In the eighth chapter of Daniel there is a reference to a great conqueror that came from the west and is called a he goat. Daniel refers to him as the king of Grecia. Today we call him Alexander the Great. The world calls him Great, but God calls him a goat. The world may call some people a big shot, but what does the Lord call you? We are nothing; the gospel is everything. Thy pound Lord hath gained ten pounds. Thy pound Lord hath gained five pounds.

Then think what the man with no interest said to the nobleman. He said, "Lord here is thy pound." The Nobleman did not want it. He said, "Give it to him that hath ten pounds." All the fame a person can have in this world and the heights of popularity he may achieve for self apart from service to God will be rejected on that Day. A person might even sing beyond the grave, "I did it my way," but the Devil would reply, "No, you did it my way."

In addition to the rewards that the Nobleman gave the ten cities and the five-cities man was what He said to the servant who laid up his pound in a napkin. When asked why he hid the pound in a napkin the napkin fellow said he feared the Nobleman. He said he wanted to play it safe. The Nobleman asked why he had not put his money in the bank and at least he could have drawn interest. This man did not draw any interest. Many people in the Church are in the Napkin Class. They have no real interest in the Lord's work, no interest in prayer, no interest in the word of God, and no interest in any kind of a mission program of their local work. Anything and everything has priority over the Kingdom of God.

And on top of that I am afraid. Fear is one of the greatest hindrances to the Lord's work. A small Church just getting started about forty years ago helped us on the radio for many years. The Church

grew to several hundreds and dropped us. Someone asked why and was told it is embarrassing to have strangers visit their services and be told to be immersed for the remission of sins. They said that was alright thirty years ago but today we need something different. Wonder how they will explain that to the Nobleman when He returns.

Aaron told Moses he built the golden calf and they danced naked around because he feared the people. Ancient Israel was afraid to enter the Promised Land and developed a grasshopper mentality. They said that the land was full of giants and we are grasshoppers in their sight. The world is still full of giants for the servant of God. He feels like a grasshopper preaching to a congregation of giants. He fears to mention any gospel truth that is unpopular. He imagines he hears them muttering in the pew, Fie, Fi, Fo, Fum. At least the napkin fellow in the parable Jesus told feared the Nobleman rather than the giants. The words of Solomon are appropriate for us all. "Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man." It is better to have a fear of the Nobleman than have a fear of the giants.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this story that Jesus told has a horrible conclusion. When the Nobleman returns He said, "These mine enemies that would not that I should reign over them bring hither and slay them before Me." Since it was the Lord Jesus Himself who made that statement we must take it seriously. He did come into the world. He did die on the cross. He did arise from the dead. He did ascend into heaven. He is coming again. He will judge the human race. The gospel Christ is not to be taken lightly. Your acceptance or rejection of the terms of pardon is a life and death matter.

## LETTERS FROM LISTENERS



Dear Brother Ed & Sister Naomi:

Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am back here in the College campus after a long winter break. While I was there the Tsunami terribly hit our State of Tamil Nadu. One of the area was just 70 mile say from my home town. The loss of life is incredible. The untold suffering of the people is irreparable.

Thanks for the regular broadcast tapes. I am still listening to them. It will

be places in the shelf of tape lending library afterwards. How are you both? Has Brother gained vision? How about Radio Sri Lanka broadcasting the GIJAPA? Is it resumed after the damage? I received 4 tapes of Marvin Philips on Couples Retreat. Would you please thank (Pinehurst Christian Church) them on my behalf. Let them know I listened to those tapes and they will be entered in the Tape catalogue of our library.

With love and prayers,  
Your servant of the Lord, Edward  
Union Christian College, INDIA

Dear Ed,

Enjoyed your message today, it came over loud and clear over the pond and full sincerity as well, "God Is Just A Prayer Away" on Bible Voice Europe. I've thought that for years. So good luck and best wishes in your ministering during the rest of 2005.

Sincerely Stuart  
from Lancashire, United Kingdom

Dear Sir,

LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ. This is to acknowledge the receipt of Two Promised items as listed below:

- (i) 4 Audio Cassettes from Pinehurst Christian Church
- (ii) 3 Volumes of your New Testament Sermons

I am very grateful for these beautiful gifts from your ministry.

Sir, as a young Pastor, I will not mind any material that may build me up for the work of the KINGDOM.

May God continue upholding and sustaining you morally, Financially and Spiritually in Jesus name.

Yours Faithfully,  
Obisesan from Nigeria, W. Africa

Hi my name is Tesfalem. I am from Eritrea, which is found in East Africa. I am one of your partakers of your ministry. I have finished the Bible Study correspondence and I received your sermon books and the certificate. But the tape cassette you sent detained by the government. They are nearly communist. They do not allow any spiritual activities. But I am glad I can get your books, B/C they do not care much in books, but only in audible cassettes. So don't send me any cassettes for they will detain it, instead you can send me books, if you do not mind.

Plus please add me in your prayer list for the sake of the saints here in Eritrea, for they are hunting us.

God bless you much more!!!!!!!  
Tesfalem

Dear Ed and all,

A few shekles for our Lord. I hope this finds you and all well. Praise God for His mercy and grace. As the young ones would say today, "ED, YOU ROCK!" Why should the Devil have all of the fun?

I love you

Mark from Grand Island, NE

Dear Ed Bousman,

Enclosed find my gift of GIJAPA. I'm 89 and partially shut in. I haven't had a car for 4 1/2 years. I wake up every Sunday to your 1st sermon at 6:30 AM (WLW 700) and then listen to 2nd at 8:00 AM (WLW 700). I read your written sermons that I receive and listen to tapes the rest of week.

Thanks, Lucy from St. Paris, OH

Dear Brother Bousman,

Greetings to you all in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ. My joy knew no bound when I received Holy Bible along with the first 5 lessons of Studies in the Bible. Thank you very much for that. The seed you are sowing will bring big harvest in the near future. May God bless you abundantly for the burden He has put on your shoulder. I am blessed by your radio ministry--SRI LANKA BROADCAST. India is a biggest field in the world where millions of people have not heard the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Enclosed please find herewith this letter first 5 lessons duly filled in for your correction. Please remember me in your prayers and my daughter Rachel and wife Kumkum. May God bless you richly.

Yours in Christ,  
Clement from INDIA

Dear Ed,

It is very comforting to me whenever I receive from you and I will love to confessed that reading from you always; my days to be special and do make Lord's purpose in happenings in my life. Really, it is clear to me that you are spending much of your time and your life in spreading the gospel that reached out to corners of the world. I never doubt that God is using you greatly in his area of work and serving him. Thanks for making it possible for me to received January and February editions, which came to me here safely. I can see clearly that we are surely in a great battle and on a long race, so we should fight according to our commander's instructions and run according to the rules with an assurance of success, we shall be more than conqueror through Him who has to love us. How is it with you and Naomi? Hope you are keeping well and standing strong in the Lord. I'm

still experiencing Christian wrestling everyday, but with your sermons I am reading I was comforted and have hope in God.

In Christian Love,  
Owolabl from Cairo, Egypt

Dear Brother Ed,

We are members of Saltair Church of Christ, (Bethel, Ohio) and send this check to offer our support of your ministry. We have enjoyed your lively and scripture-rich sermons several times over the last few years. We thank you for bringing God's word straight and true to so many eager listeners. God bless you, Naomi, and your work for the Lord.

New Richmond, OH

Dear Sir,

Season greetings to you and your family. I listened to your programme on the Radio Africa and it really helped me. Your programme "God Is Just A Prayer Away" is really a source of blessing to hear the word of God because I am a Bible College Student and I thank God for your helpful Bible topics through your programme.

Adewole from Nigeria, West Africa

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bousman,

We enjoy your radio program every Sunday morning and we listen at night too on WRVA Richmond, VA. The only program that gives the truth directly from the Bible, the word of God. Thank you and God bless you and your hard work. Thank you for giving praise and honor to His holy name. Pray all is well health wise. We continue to listen and pray for your fine works.

In Christian love from  
Mechanicsville, VA

Dear Ed Bousman,

I greet you in the name of the Lord. I heard your programme on the Radio Africa broadcast Monday 7 PM. I enjoyed your programme kindly send me a Holy Bible and correspondence Bible study course that you offered at the end of your programme.

Yours in Christ AYO, West Africa

To Ed and anyone else this may concern:

I am writing this letter because I am the one that started all of this Bible Study using your materials and Bibles I pray I haven't caused any problems with it. I realize that some people try to take advantage of anything. I know you'll sent an expensive NKJV to one older man. The most unique thing about that was that it was a misunderstanding and has been a major blessing to him. I had been spending a lot of time working with him and knew he had trouble reading. Yet what he wrote was from him not understanding what he was asking for. Anyway it was what he really needed. None of the Bibles you are sending are going to waste. Normal I ask that each person write a note for a Bible but in these cases (24 names listed below) it is very difficult for them to accomplish this, so they scribbled their ADC numbers and name and handed to me as I was passing by them going to and from work area. I will understand if you cannot send the Bibles from a list like this. If you can't I'll try to contact these people otherwise. Most of the other Bibles sent in here are poor quality paper back and don't usually hold up six months. Most of these people are just thrilled to receive a nice Bible they can read. Because we live under such poor lighting, our eyes deteriorate quickly. So the LARGE PRINT BIBLE is a blessing to all. Most of us are indigent and couldn't afford to order any ourselves. So hey, if you can't afford to keep this up, let me know and thank you for caring about us and sending the Bibles.

Sincerely Samuel from  
ADC Varner Unit Prison, Grady, AR

Dear Ed B.

Greetings to you in Christ Jesus name who is our Lord and Savior. I want to express my gratitude to you and your ministry for these valuable Bible Studies given to me. It helped me so much in knowing more about the love of God. I am really glad and thanks to you again. I am very grateful to our teacher EDK. It is from him only that I got the opportunity to

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study these Bible Studies. May God be with you and your ministry and let us always remember each other in prayer.

Ms. Elsie from INDIA

Dear Pastor Ed,,

Great appreciation from one you to send the wonderful "Holy Bible" and answer sheets inspired one me to study. As I say, "praise the Lord" I am answered prayer through your radio programme to have own bible, because when I went from the Phils. Can't bring any books, coz they said not allowed in Arab country to bring Bible. But God will make a way wherever I am, now His words are here. I am so thankful even though I can't see the envelopes where I right you they address it for me it's okay. The important I hold it cause here my employers very strict but thanks to God they touch what you send and they giveth to me one by one. Once again thank you so much and God bless in your congregation and keep up your good ministry because many people have changed their life through the word of God you preach and send here to us.

Shiela from Eritrea

### CONGREGATION SEEKING MINISTER

Cynthiana, Kentucky-Connersville Christian Church is searching for a minister. Clifford Neat, the Minister for the past 27 years, is retiring.

Interested candidates should contact:

Jerry Jenkins 1-859-234-3350

or

Howard Fryman 1-859-234-4482

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2:55-3:10	Break	Break	
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7:30	"Rejected Truth Imperils a Nation" Tom Claibourne	"Rejected Truth Incurs Wrath" Ed Bousman	

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