

Chapter Nine

THOSE WHO WILL SHED TEARS IN THE KINGDOM!

One of the most honored positions in the world is that of a pastor. God has never done anything greater for a man than to hand pick him to stand before his people, to preach and teach the eternal, infallible Word of God. He has the closest relationship with God, as God directs him to care for His flock. God offers grace for every occasion, power to do every work, and promises to never leave him or forsake him. God shows absolute trust in him and **will reward him with glory that fadeth not away** if he is faithful to God's sacred trust. There is nothing like being one of God's preachers.

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The prophet, pastor, preacher, minister, or chosen man of God has always been counted as the highest calling, or office, that a man could fill. It is

a man whom God has chosen as an under-shepherd, who serves as God's spokesman. All true preachers have been chosen, or called, by God.

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THE PREACHER WHO WILL PLOW 1000 YEARS

**“And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen
and your vinedressers.” Isaiah 61:5**

THE WORK AND ROLE OF A PASTOR

The apostle Peter told pastors to feed the flock (church of God). They were to take the leadership of the local church, not by constraints, but with a willing mind. Their motive for shepherding and feeding the spiritual sheep was not for money or prestige. They were to lead by example and be a role

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model for Christian men, which will bring them conflict and hardship. Many of the members will not submit themselves to God and His instruction. They will rebel against God's Word and **focus their rebellion toward the man of God.** We see this in the life of Moses in the Old Testament and the apostle Paul in the New Testament.

A RICH PAY DAY WAS OFFERED TO FAITHFUL PASTORS

Peter spoke of God's payday for His preachers, as servant leaders. In *I Peter 5:10*, Peter said that the God of all grace, who had called them (pastors) to share His (Christ's) eternal glory after they had suffered a while, would make them good settled leaders.

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Please note that **He called them to share in His eternal glory.** Peter said in verse 4 that the glory He promised is a "glory which fadeth not away."

So a pastor is to stand for and teach spiritual things as God instructs him to teach. His lifestyle is one of a role model and

servant leader. He is to see that things are done according to the Bible, knowing that it will cause him some opposition and personal problems. If he is faithful in his ministry, God promises him a reward in the 1000-year reign.

REWARDS FOR GOOD PASTORS, PUNISHMENT FOR BAD

In Luke 12:35-48, Jesus instructed the apostles about His imminent return and the rewards or punishments that preachers will receive at that time.

First, He said to watch (for His second coming) because they know not when He may return. "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." verse 40

Peter then asked the Lord, "Are you speaking to everyone or to pastors particularly?" verse 41

Jesus answered Peter by asking him a question. "...Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion [feed the flock] of meat in due season?" verse 42

Then Jesus promised that those who were faithful would be rewarded by the Lord when He comes back. In verse 43, He said, "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

Jesus then turned His attention to pastors who have lost their focus and vision, and **say in their heart, "my Lord delayeth His coming."** They do not believe that

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Jesus is coming back any time soon, so they begin to take too much authority upon themselves, which leads to the mistreatment of some of the members. The pastors begin to beat or abuse some of the flock. They become drunk with their authority and position that the Lord entrusted them with.

When the Lord comes back, He catches the abusive pastors unaware. In verse 46 the Bible states, He "...will cut him in sunder [cut him down to size] and will appoint him, **his portion with the unbelievers.**"

Their portion will be to work with the unbelievers who are plowing or taking care of the vineyards in the 1000-year

reign.

In chapter three we showed there will be millions of people from the sheep nations which will be transferred into the millennium in their natural bodies. Most of those people were lost.

Throughout the 1000 year reign most of those sinners will accept Christ and be saved. In Isaiah 61:4-5 it talks of the labor force which will work in the millennium. It states that the “Sons of alien shall be your plowman and your vinedressers” some of these laborers are unsaved. Jesus will banish the unfaithful pastors to work with these sinners.

The proud and lofty pastors, who took too much authority, forgot about the second coming of the Lord. Instead of sharing in

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His eternal glory, these pastors will be appointed lowly servant jobs working in the labor gang with

some of those who wasted their lives. **Some preachers will weep and plow for 1000 years.** They will have to face those they should have won to Christ at the Great White Throne Judgment and witness as

they are cast into the Lake of Fire.

Every morning, as they plow, they will remember what they did. They will remember how they betrayed their sacred trust and the calling of the Lord. They will try not to think about the future. Each time they remember their horrible appointment at the Great White Throne Judgment, they do so with a dread that haunts them. They will see the lost cast into hell and weep because they exalted themselves as a pastor monarch instead of a servant leader.

Their only comfort will come from the promise that God will wipe away all their tears before He takes them to the eternal Heaven. Their relief will take place only when their loving Father causes all of the former things to be forgotten. Rev 21:4

Until then, they will plow on in dread and tears. They will long to get the 1000 years over with, but another part of them will hope it never comes to an end.

This is because they will then have to experience the ordeal at the Great White Throne

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Judgment before they will ever have peace again.

What a high price the sin of pride has cost them. They begin to like to plow and work hard because that is the only thing that takes their mind off the consequences of a wasted ministry and life. The teardrops fall as they plow for the 1000 years, waiting and longing to be brought back into fellowship with their Heavenly Father.

Remember, in the Scripture, God warns the pastor that God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. I Peter 5:5 He clearly states that the lofty (proud) will be brought low. The pastor, who lived and abused his office in this life, will weep as he works with the labor crew, plowing for a full 1000 years.

But to weep and gnash your teeth out of fellowship with God reveals ultimate pain, and a person given over to utter loneliness.

Remember pastor! You preached it and the Bible teaches it. God will not be mocked. You will reap what you sow and it will be for the full Millennial Reign.

**IT WILL BE WORSE THAN WHAT
HAS BEEN STATED**

Some will look at a pile of ashes that represents their life's work, and weep. Some will look upon the effects of their sinful life and weep. They have to bare something worse than death. Some pastors who broke their Master's sacred trust will plow one row after another, mile after mile, and weep.

But to weep and gnash your teeth out of fellowship with God reveals ultimate pain, and a person given over to utter loneliness. That is exactly the place our final example finds himself, as he faces his upcoming 1000 years on the earth.

A POISONOUS SERVANT CAST INTO OUTER DARKNESS

This is a very simple story. What makes it difficult is that most people **do not like the way it ends**. They do not like the judgment that the third servant receives.

A man called his three servants in and gave them certain sums of money according to their different abilities. They were to manage the money and increase it on his behalf while he was gone on a trip.

Two of these servants went to work and doubled their lord's money. The third

servant dug a hole and put his lord's money in it for safekeeping, but did not do anything to increase it.

After a period of time, the master returned and called his three servants in to give an account of their stewardship.

The first two brought their sums of money and reported that they had doubled his original capital. Their lord said the same words to both of the servants and rewarded each of them.

The third servant went and dug up his lord's money and gave it back to him, and used some uncomplimentary words while doing so. His lord stripped him of what he had given him, then rebuked him and punished him. This, to some, is a very harsh judgment. Therefore it is difficult for them to accept the plain teaching that some of God's children, who backslide and live a rebellious life that turns many sinners away from Christ, will face severe punishment at the Judgment Seat.

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Matthew, Chapter 25, points out the severity with which God will judge the backslidden children who harbor bitterness.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 25, DEPICTS THREE DIFFERENT JUDGMENTS

The 25th Chapter of Matthew reveals the judgments that will take place at the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The Bible teaches that Jesus will come back to reward His faithful servants, and execute righteous judgment.

There are three distinct judgments dealt with in Matthew, chapter 25.

One of Jesus' last promises, before returning to Heaven, was, "...behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev 22:12

The second coming of Jesus will be in two phases. He will come for His saints before the Tribulation period, and then seven years later (less a few days), He will come back to the earth with His saints. There are three distinct judgments dealt with in Matthew, Chapter 25.

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25:1-13, **deals with
the judgment of
institutions, or
churches.**

Matthew 25:14-30, deals with the **judgment of individual Christians**. Both of these judgments take place before the Tribulation period.

Matthew 25:31-46, deals with the judgment of nations, which will take place at the end of the 7-year tribulation, when Jesus comes back in glory with His holy angels.

The Judgment of churches reveals that what a church believes and practices is very important. Each individual member will be rewarded or punished for what his church did and taught.

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The judgment of nations reveals the responsibility each citizen has in supporting Biblical principles in his own country. Christians will be rewarded or punished based on what their country has done.

These three different judgments show the responsibility of a person **as a church member, as an individual, and as a citizen of his country**. They also show that we will have to stand in judgment and be rewarded or

punished based on our works on earth. We are not our own. We have been bought with a price. Therefore, **our proper roll on earth is as stewards of Christ.** At His second coming, we must give a complete account of all phases of our life.

JUDGMENT OF INDIVIDUAL STEWARDSHIP

The purpose of the story in Matt 25:14-30, is to show that each person will stand personally and individually before his Lord and give account of his stewardship and life. He will be dealt with in direct proportion to his life works and attitude. The setting of the encounter will be at the Judgment Seat of Christ, where judgment of individual stewardship will take place.

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In order to determine the truths that Jesus is teaching, we will study the words used, along with the attitudes of the four principals in this story.

Study of the Word Usage for the Word "Servant"

The usage of the word "servant" or

"servants" is dealt with in the following verses:

Verse 14: The story begins with a man calling **his own servants**. Together, there is no distinction made concerning what type of servants they were. The distinction made, concerns the different degrees of their natural capabilities.

Verse 19: After a long period of time, the man, called "the lord of those servants," comes back to check on the three concerning their individual **stewardship**.

Verse 21: "**Well done, thou good and faithful servant,**" was the commendation the man made to the first servant.

Verse 23: "**Well done, thou good and faithful servant,**" was the commendation the man made to the second servant.

Verse 26: "**Thou wicked and slothful servant,**" was the rebuke of the man to the third servant.

Verse 30:
"cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness,"

was the punishment meted out to the third servant.

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The word "servant" is used by the lord describing these three men **six times**, and is the same word and means the same thing in all six places. The meaning of the word "servant" is "child of God." If one of them was a servant, then all of them were servants. If one of them was a child of God, then all three of them were children of God.

The use of the word "servant" will not allow a different interpretation, one to one servant and another to another servant. The word usage dictates that all three servants were saved and belonged to the owner and were accountable to him.

Study of the Word Usage for the Word, "Lord"

The usage of the word, "lord," is dealt with in the following verses:

Verse 18: The third servant "hid his lord's money." The servant hid the money he had been entrusted with to use for his **lord's benefit and good**.

Verse 19: "After a longtime, the lord of those servants cometh," to find out how each of his three servants had obeyed his command of using their talent for their master's well being and good.

Verses 22 and 24: The two obedient

servants came and **both happily presented** their gain to their lord.

Verses 21, 23 and 26: All three of these verses begin with the same expression, "his lord said unto

him." He referred to all three of his servants in the same way. It is clear by

the word usage that all three were his servants.

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Verses 24 and 30: The disobedient servant addressed the man as "lord," and when the lord cast him out of his sight, his lord called him an "**unprofitable servant.**" There is no change in position or in the way the lord dealt with him. The only difference is that two of his servants were obedient, **while the third was disobedient.**

If the use of the word "servant" means "child of God," then the use of the words "lord" or "his lord" must mean our Lord, Jesus Christ. The study of the usage of these words clearly proves that they were individual children of God at the Judgment Seat, being judged for their individual stewardship.

Study of Attitudes Manifested

There are several different attitudes manifested within this chapter. Let us look at each of them.

The Obedient and Faithful Servants

Two of the servants had good, obedient attitudes.

When they received their stewardship, they **immediately**

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went to work and doubled the gift which their lord had committed to their trust.

- **They were obedient.** When the lord returned, he found the first two servants busy working on his behalf.
- **They were faithful.** Both the first and the second servants came and happily presented the gains of their faithful stewardship.
- **They were rewarded.** The lord commended each servant, "thou has been faithful over a, few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

The Disobedient and Unfaithful Servant

The third servant was bitter and willfully disobedient. As soon as he was

given the money to work with, he deliberately disobeyed his lord and hid it.

- **He was willfully disobedient.** He hid his talent. He took it from the lord, and hid it immediately. He never even tried to be obedient.
- **He was unthankful.** His lord gave him his talent and the opportunity to serve him. There is not one sign of gratitude from the servant. In fact, the opposite is true. **He manifested bitterness and anger toward his lord.** When he came into his lord's presence, he instantly accused him of being a harsh and uncaring man. He further accused him of taking advantage of other people's property and personal rights. This accusation toward the lord **showed a long standing anger and bitterness** that he harbored against his lord for a long time.
- **He was fearful and unbelieving.** This servant tried to justify his rebellious behavior by saying that he was afraid. Fear is the opposite of faith. The servant may have been fearful of what others might think or

say about him. He may have been afraid of failing. Regardless of what he was fearful of, it led him to live a life of unbelief and disobedience.

- **He had a blameful spirit.** "It wasn't me lord. It was you! You were so harsh. You reaped where you hadn't sowed. I would have worked, but you were such a bully. I was afraid to try," was the implication of his defense.
- **He was lazy.** How do we know he was lazy? His lord, who knew his heart and actions, called him a wicked and slothful (lazy) servant.

To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Nothing changes in a person's relationship with the Lord when they die, **except location**. Here, the servant disobeyed his lord from the beginning. He lived a lifetime of disobedience and laziness, and manifested a bitter, hateful spirit against his lord. **He manifested the same attitude at the Judgment Seat that he had been manifesting during his life.**

When a saved person backslides, God chastises him in order to correct him and save his life of service. **One of two things**

happens when God chastises one of His children. The child of God either repents and turns back to serve the Lord, or he resents the chastisement and

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becomes more hardened. God chastises him again. And again, a child of God **both repents and turns back** to the service of the Lord, **or he becomes more resentful and hard**. Soon, unless he repents, the **child of God turns bitter and begins to accuse God**. The third servant was this type of person. When his lord gave him his talent and commanded him to go to work, **he refused instantly** and hid his lord's money.

STUDY THE PHRASE, THE LORD OF THE SERVANTS

The lord gave all three servants life, opportunity, and a chance to excel and build for the future. Two of them took advantage of his goodness and served well in their

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stewardship and were rewarded. The third servant refused to work, rebelled, and came to the Judgment Seat **with a rebellious, hateful attitude**. When his lord asked him to give an account of his stewardship, he blamed his lord for his failures.

What is God going to do? God gave us life. He redeemed us from a horrible condemnation and lost eternity by sending His Son to die in our place so we could be saved. He gave us an opportunity to live a life in his good, acceptable and perfect will.

He would not respond to God's gentle chastisement and correction in his life. He would not turn, regardless of how his Heavenly Father tried to help him.

Is He going to let us get away with it by throwing a temper tantrum? We are not dealing with a modern, weak-kneed set of parents who have a worldly sentiment of raising children. We are dealing with the sovereign King of Heaven. This rebellious, hard-headed, strong-willed child of His had been bullying people as he lived his wicked and slothful life for a long time. He would not respond to God's gentle chastisement and correction in his life. He would not turn,

regardless of how his Heavenly Father tried to help him.

Now it is judgment time, “Thou slothful and wicked kid. Sit down now and listen. You are at the bar of justice, not a bargaining table; and it is now time for you to give an account of your life.”

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Study of Judgment Rendered

The following instructions were given regarding the judgment and punishment of the unfaithful servant.

Take from him the sum of money.

“It is not his, it is mine. I gave it to him to use, and since he didn't use it, I'm taking it back and giving it to someone who will.” God gave each person life, opportunity, and talent. He did this for our good and for God's glory. In this story, there is a clear understanding that it was the lord's money and that the three men were his servants. There will be a day, in the future, when the boss will have his servants give an account of their stewardship. Their lord gave it to them to use. If they did not

use it wisely, it was still his to take back and give to someone who would use it wisely.

Cast him into outer darkness. The Lord didn't say, "Cast him into hell." Jesus knows the difference between outer darkness and hell. Later in this very chapter, Jesus commands the angels to throw the goat nations into hell. (Matthew 25:41) If He meant for them to cast this servant into hell, then he would have surely said so. He said, "**cast him into outer darkness.**" Again, these three men represent three men who were servants, or **who were saved**, but these men were owned by the lord, who had given them talents to use for his benefit. They were required to give an account of their stewardship. They would be rewarded if they worked, but they would suffer loss if they did not work.

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and fellowship of the ruler. In Biblical days, a reception or dinner was given to honor a certain official or royalty. Since they had a lighting problem, the guest with the highest degree of importance and honor was always seated in closest to the light. People of

lesser rank were relegated to areas of lesser light. Others were invited who stood in the edge of light. Those **who were not favored** with the host were **kept in the outer darkness**, which showed their standing with the person in charge.

Study of The Word Usage For The Words "Light" And "Darkness"

"And have **no fellowship** with the unfruitful **works of darkness**, but rather reprove them." Eph 5:11

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"But if we walk **in the light**, as he is in the light, we

have fellowship one with another...." I .John 1:7

"If we say that we have **fellowship** with him [Christ], and **walk in darkness**, we lie, and do **not the truth**." I John 1:6

The usage of the words "light" and "darkness", plus the traditions of the day in which this event happened, teaches that outer darkness is referring to the position a person assumed because of his unfaithfulness and attitude.

Outer darkness means out of fellowship. The rebellious servant was cast out of fellowship with his Lord for 1000 years.

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- **He will get out of bed** every day for 1000 years, with the knowledge that he wasted his life as he serves somewhere on the earth in a servant status
- **He will relive** the Judgment Seat scene in his mind for 1000 years.
- **He will dread having to witness** the Great White Throne Judgment for 1000 years.
- **He will weep** for 1000 years.
- **He will gnash** his teeth in pain for 1000 years, as he suffers the consequences of a life lived in rebellion and slothfulness.

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When King Saul was cast out of fellowship with God, **he almost lost his**

mind because of his loneliness. This dear man will live and be out of fellowship with his Lord for a full 1000 years.

This is the way the King has of sending a message to others. "You cannot come into my throne room and accuse me of being harsh and uncaring, after I loved you enough to die for you. You are not going to come into my throne room before the royalty and angels of Heaven and **tell me that you knowingly and willfully did just the opposite** of what I personally told you to do; and then try to blame me for your slothful, wicked life!"

- I am the boss!
- I gave you life.
- I tried to bless you.
- I tried to turn you.
- I will not accept any blame for your wasted life.
- I loved you, died for you, and did everything in my power to help you."

"Take what I gave him, and get him out of here!

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suffer the consequences of a wicked and slothful life for 1000 years. Let him get up every morning and remember those that were turned away from salvation by his bitter, slothful life. Let him feel the loneliness of being out of fellowship with his Lord, and cast him out of my presence for the full 1000 years!"

"He is still ten thousand times better off than those that he let go to hell. His punishment for his wicked and slothful life is to weep and gnash his teeth, out of divine fellowship, for 1000 years." Those who died and went to hell because of his self-centered and rebellious life will suffer in hell forever.

Can you see yourself in the role of one of these three servants? Perhaps a better question would be, where will you live during your 1000 years on the earth under the reign of King Jesus?

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