

**Full Sermon Transcript:**  
**Something from Nothing**  
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Today is April 25th, 2026, in the year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us go in prayer.

Lord Heavenly Father, thank you for getting us through another week. It's been hard, it's been difficult, it's been frustrating, but you are still on your throne.

You are still ruler of the universe. You're still God Almighty. You're still my Lord and my Savior, my kinsman-redeemer, the lover of my soul. My high tire, my buckler, my shield, my strength and my faith, the giver of life.

We praise your holy name of Jesus. We ask for your special help today for people to learn, to grow, to comprehend better, to follow you more into the center of your will.

With the increase of your Holy Ghost in each person, we ask for a multiplication of your church worldwide this year, that we would have more brothers, more sisters that are true to you, to your word, to your spirit, to your will, to your kingdom, and to your church.

We seek to be gathered with our true spiritual family, for these seats to be overflowing with people that will commit and surrender to you.

We ask for your special help in today's message, that you put your words in me, give me strength, help me speak forth your word, help me to have your anointing in this message, your help and your strength.

This message will not be in vain, but will accomplish your purpose. We pray that you be increased in this message, in us, in this congregation, in this sanctuary, in this place, in this land.

Your spirit, prevail in the mighty and holy name of Jesus, the church says. Amen. Amen.

You may be seated.

Let's go to Matthew 25. People that might be listening for the first time or reading from the Alpha and Omega Bible, a restoration of the original scriptures based upon older manuscripts than other translations.

Today we're reading the parable of the talents in Matthew 25. Matthew 25 is divided up into three sections.

The first section is the parable of the ten virgins. The second one is what we're focusing on today, the parable of the talents.

Then the third one is not a parable, but talking about the Great White Throne Judgment, the last day of judgment at that time of the Day of Atonement, a thousand and one hundred years after Jesus returns.

Today we're reading in Matthew 25, starting in verse 14. And just like a person about to go on a journey who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.

So this is talking about Jesus going on a journey, leaving the earth as far as in the flesh, and then calling us and entrusting his possessions to us.

Verse 15, to one person he gave five talents. These are measurements of money. To another he gave two, and to another he just gave one, each according to his own ability, and that's very important, to his ability.

And he went on his journey. Jesus went back to heaven. Immediately the one who had received the five talents, that particular measurement of money, went and traded with them and gained five more, so he doubled it.

In the same manner, the one who received two gained two more. He also doubled it.

But he who received the one, the least, he went away and dug it, put it in the ground, and hid his master's money.

Now after a long time, the master of those slaves, Jesus, came and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received, and remember the third section is where he settles the accounts, the Great White Throne Judgment.

A lot of times people never make a connection between the three different sections of this chapter, but all three are strongly, very strongly connected.

You'll see that by the end of the sermon. All three sections are extremely connected together.

He makes an account when? On the last day at the Great White Throne Judgment. Amen. Verse 20, the one who had

received the five talents came up and brought the five more talents, saying, Master, you entrusted it, entrusted it, five talents to me.

See, I have gained five more talents. His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave.

And I do want to add a note in verse 15, explaining that these are measurements, because a lot of people think that talents is talking about gifts, although God can give us measurements of gifts.

And that's why they are really symbolizing, even though it's talking about measurements of money, it is symbolizing anything that God gives us, whether it's a spiritual gift, a voice to use, the ability to sing, other types of skills, or even knowledge of the truth.

Anything that the Lord gives us, this is what it is symbolic of, not just gifts in the way people think of it in the sense of the gift of a voice, the gift of singing, but other types of things that God gives us as well, such as income or knowledge and so many other things.

It's very all-encompassing, the things that God gives us here on this earth, tools that we can use, AI, technology, other things.

Now going back to verse 21, his master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave.

I want to underline faithful. I want to go back to verse 20 and underline entrusted, because these are very significant words, even though we're not going to focus on them in today's sermon.

They would be a great sermon just to go back and focus on these words right here.

They're so significant. He entrusts us with what he gives us. Going back to verse 15, underline ability. He's entrusting us with what he gives us, and it gives us things based upon our ability.

And then verse 21, this particular servant is faithful, so he had to exercise faith and obedience because he had the ability, and he exercised that ability. Amen.

You were faithful with a few things. He's talking to the one that was given the most, five talents, and he says you was faithful with a few things.

God could have given him a hundred talents rather than only five. Five is not a lot, even though it was the most in this parable.

Still yet, five talents is not a whole lot, is not. So it's only a few things, a small measurement, really a very small measurement, but he still doubled it, even though it is a small measurement.

He still doubled it. So I'm underlining a few things because I've never heard that brought out before.

This is God using my voice right now. I've never heard that taught in church, on a website, on a video.

I didn't prepare that ahead of time. I'm just seeing all these different words with his anointing, with his help, and I'll put you in charge of many things.

But he was in charge of many things with only a few talents. Five talents is really nothing.

But he had to run many things with almost nothing. Five talents is almost nothing.

But yet God expected this man to run many things with almost nothing, even though it was more than he gave the other guys.

I did put you in charge of many things. I'm underlining many things in compared to the few things.

Now enter into the joy of your master, meaning the eternal kingdom.

Verse 22, also the one who had the two talents, this is less than half, came up and said to him, Master, you entrusted it, two talents to me.

See, I have gained two more talents. His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant, slave.

You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Amen. Enter into the joy of your master.

The one who also had received the one talent came up and said, Master, I knew you to be a very demanding, stern or hard or difficult person.

Reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered the none. I want you to underline reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered the none.

Because that is going to be the primary phrase that we're talking about focusing on in today's message.

Reaping or gathering the fruit where you did not sow any seeds. And gathering that fruit where you did not scatter any seeds.

The servant says to the Lord Jesus, you're difficult man, you're hard, you're stern, you're very demanding, you require a lot.

Because you expect me to bear fruit where seeds were never planted. You're asking the impossible of me.

Verse 25, and I was afraid because you're a hard man. And I went away and hid your talent in the ground seed that you still have what is yours is still here.

But his master answered and said to him, you wicked. Not you careful, not you cautious.

Not you careful, not you cautious, not you wise, but you wicked, lazy slave. You knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered none.

Notice Jesus does not say your accusation is false. That I am demanding where nothing was sowed, where nothing was planted.

He doesn't say that's false. Now the mainstream theology is that the servant's accusation is false.

And that Jesus was not agreeing with him. But yet, even though that's their teaching.

When I read this, I don't see anywhere where Jesus is saying "you're bearing a false witness against me.

Or your words are not true. Or your words are incorrect. Or your thinking is flawed." But he's actually saying "you know this."

"You know that this is my requirement. You know that I do require this severity. To where nothing has been planted, but I am still demanding a harvest." Verse 27, Then you should have put my money in the bank instead of the ground, instead of under the mattress.

And on my arrival I would have received back mine with interest, some profit. Therefore take away the one talent from him and give it to the other who has the ten talents.

For to everyone who has, more should be given. That is, at the judgment day, those that have fruit, more be given to you.

You inherit more. Because you did invest it. You did use it. You did put it to use.

You did exercise it. And he would have abundance. But from the one who does not have, but notice the guy did have one. He didn't have zero.

But God counted that one as being zero. Right? That's the way God considered it. Even though he still had that one that he started out with, God still considered it as a zero because there was no profit.

From the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. Even what he does have shall be taken away.

Throughout the worthless slave into the outer darkness, meaning eternal death. We need to have in parentheses, because we do have it in one of the parallel gospels, but we need to put it here after the word darkness, in parentheses put eternal death.

And it says it would be crying and gushing of teeth, and we need to add note there as well, during the process of annihilation in the lake of fire.

There would be weeping and gushing of teeth during the process of annihilation as he is perishing in the lake of fire.

But don't you think this is a whole lot to really contemplate upon? Think upon, meditate upon, reflect upon.

So I want us to add a note at the end of verse 30, and you're not going to be able to write scribble all this down.

But we need to add a note here saying mainstream Christians only want to maintain basic elementary salvation.

They do not seek to increase in salvation. They do not seek to increase in the fruits of the Lord.

They do not seek an increase of the Holy Ghost. They do not seek an increase of their eternal inheritance.

They are complacent and lazy, believing that they can enter into the eternal kingdom based upon their initial one time prayer of false salvation. Amen.

End footnote. And cross-reference John 15 there as well at the end of the footnote.

Now let's go back to that main verse, verse 24, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered none. God does demand something from nothing. Because if you have nothing, it's because you did not wisely use what was originally given to you to multiply.

God does demand something from nothing because if you have nothing, it's because you did not wisely use what he had given you.

It's not that God is being unreasonable, but rather he's demanding that you don't end up empty handed when God definitely did provide that one measurement of tools or equipment or abilities or knowledge or information or resources.

God did absolutely provide everyone on this entire Earth something to start with.

Absolutely. If you end up with nothing, it's because of your lack of wisdom or lack of faith or lack of obedience or mixture of all three, and very commonly all three.

If you end up with nothing, you must create more from somewhere to reimburse the master. Amen.

If you end up with nothing, you must create more from somewhere. You could have borrowed it and then built upon that if you did lose the one. There's no excuse.

Somehow, someday, we can increase in the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 25, the first section, let's look at that, the first section in verse 6.

Then at midnight there was a shout, Behold the bridegroom come out to meet him. Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.

The fool said to the wise, Give us some of your oil for our lamps are going out. But the wise answered, No, there will not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the dealers and buy for yourselves. For while they were going out to meet the passage, the bridegroom came.

And those who were ready went in with him to the wedding and the door was shut. Later the other virgins also came saying, Lord, Lord, open up for us.

But he answered, I tell you the truth, I do not know you. Be on the alert then for you do not know the day nor the hour.

Those people standing in front of him in that day and time 2000 years ago do not know the day or the hour.

Plus the wicked today who believe that they were saved do not know the day or the hour.

This does not mean that God's true servants, the true virgins, the true servants of the Lord, that they would never know the day or the hour does not mean that at all.

That's a poisonous, very extremely dangerous and poisonous mainstream theology is that the true Christians, the true church will never know the day and the hour.

When the scripture never says that his bride will never know, never says that. This is present tense and it is speaking really to the wicked.

The foolish virgins did not, will not have any oil remaining because they didn't do the wise and prudent thing in gaining their supplies, increasing the Holy Ghost before the lights went out, before the tribulation, before the darkness.

I mean common sense, eventually you're going to run out of oil. Common sense, go to the store, go to the marketplace, go to the dealers and supply yourself before you run out.

When you know the darkness is coming, common sense, no excuse. There's no excuse that everybody is always constantly trying to reach for straws, finding every excuse in the book.

I don't have the money. I can't go to the store. I can't go to the marketplace. I don't have the resources.

You had the money at some time or another. God gave you something. You had some oil at some point of time. You had some money to gain that with at some point of time.

You had resources, tools at some point of time. You had resources, tools at some point of time.

What happened? What happened to it? Would God require something from nothing if it was impossible?

Of course not. God is the just, righteous judge. He gives everybody something to work with. He's not unreasonable.

And then look at the third section in verse 31 to 46. They did not do these things.

They did not do these things. They did not do these things, but these all these different things that the goats on the left do not do that shows lack of fruit of the spirit. They did not visit the prisoners. They did not feed the hungry. They did not clove those that was in need of clothing because they did not have that hospitality loves the strangers the fruit of the spirit. So they did not increase in the Holy Ghost, but rather they decreased in the Holy Ghost.

They would gave in a measure. Everybody's given a measurement to start with when we are saved. When we are baptized, we're given a small seed, a small seed of the Holy Ghost. Mainstream theology is as long as that's all you have, as long as you have the mustard seed, you enter the kingdom. That's what they teach. That's not what Jesus taught. That's not what the Bible teaches, but rather the mustard seed must grow into a mighty and big and huge tree in which the birds can nest in. That's what the scripture teaches. That's what Jesus teaches, and that is the requirement in order to enter the kingdom.

You cannot enter the kingdom with only a mustard seed. You start out with a mustard seed, but then God expects and requires us to increase that one tiny little mustard seed, which is almost nothing but is a gift, is a talent, is something to work with. One seed can grow and become a giant tree. Absolutely you have to fertilize it better, you have to weed it more, you have to take care of it, you have to treat it like a baby, you have got to nourish it if you don't have a second seed as a backup, but it can absolutely grow and become the biggest tree in the neighborhood. Absolutely it can. It's not impossible.

I'd love to watch the one television show called the Shark Tank, and that one woman over there on there, that almost bald, Barbara, extremely short masculine hairstyle, but nevertheless very effeminate lady other than the men's hair. But she used to be a waitress, just waiting on tables in a restaurant.

And then at least two or three of the other people on there as well, they tell their stories of immigrating to America and being poor and working, and like the one guy I think it's Mark Cuban went door-to-door selling things, just knocking on the doors trying to sell something on the doorsteps.

At least three of those people started out with very little and became multi-millionaires, but they didn't have all that much when they were young. But they worked hard, they had a desire, they had a dream, and they worked to achieve their dreams.

They didn't just sit home waiting for the dream to come to them. They went to the dream. They worked for the dream. They invested. They saved their money. They made wise decisions.

Poor decisions versus wise decisions, not making excuses, "I don't have nothing to work with"; not having that victim mentality that "the world is against me and I cannot prosper."

God is demanding because He knows what He has invested in us. He knows what we're capable of. It says that He gave the talents based on their ability. That means He knows what you're capable of, so He's not requiring the one talent to be turned into ten, but really only two, the two into four, the five into ten. So it's a doubling, not multiplied by ten but only multiplied by two. That's it, that's all. Not multiplied by ten or a hundred, but only multiplied by two is all He's asking. That ain't much. That's not expecting very much. If we're given only one, all we have to do is end up with two. That's it. His expectations are not cruelty. His expectations are confidence in us. He has confidence, confidence that we can double what little bit that we had. This is not a prosperity gospel message, although it can also be applied to that if we work hard, invest wisely, be careful not to waste money, and realize the value of a nickel.

To realize the value of a dollar is a significant part of being wise, making wise decisions, having a wise mentality, having wisdom.

Practicing wisdom does include being frugal and realizing the value of a dollar, that a dollar might be real easy for one person to gain, but not so easy for everyone.

Let's look at John 15. I speak of John 15 constantly, so let's read it. John 15 verse 1: I am the true vine or trunk, and my father is the vine dresser, the caretaker. Ever branch that's us that does not bear fruit he takes away, and ever branch that bears fruit he prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. That pruning process is our daily trials and sufferings, including spiritual war for warfare against us, poverty, sickness, disease, all the trials and sufferings of the life, our pruning process.

Even chastisement from God is part of the pruning process, and our ups and downs when we have those downs and those valleys as part of the pruning process. This fellowship is part of a pruning process. This fellowship is never meant to be eternal casting away, but this fellowship is meant to be a provoking to repentance, to return, amen. He prunes us so that we can bear more fruit. We're never going to bear more fruit unless we can learn to endure the pruning process.

Some people, when they are pruned, they die immediately. That's most people, that is most people, that we need to be strong in the Lord, that when we're being pruned that will actually grow back and grow back stronger and better.

Verse 3: you're already clean because of the word which I spoken to you. He gave us something to start with. He gave us the washing away of our sins when we're baptized and saved in truth, not in the false churches, the Trinity churches, the Sunday churches, the Christmas and Easter churches, but when we're baptized in the truth he washes away our sins, and guess what, we start out with a clean plate. And that alone is a talent. That alone is a great huge gift for our sins to be wiped away, and in addition to that, so that those things are not held against us on the judgment day, amen.

But in addition to that, he gives us that mustard seed. On that empty clean plate, He gives us the mustard seed of what the Bible calls the promise of the Holy Ghost, and then we have to exercise that mustard seed, pray for it, nourish it, cherish it, take care of it, and provoke it to grow.

And we're being pruned back every year. You know, the pruning basically is a yearly thing. Every Purim we're pruned. Every Purim somebody is cut away from the church, whether it's somebody we know or somebody we don't know that's just been listening to the services secretly, like a lot of people do for months or years before they actually contact us. I don't never understand that type of mentality, but nevertheless that's the way people act and behave in this very upside-down crazy world that we live in.

But people are being pruned every Purim, and then what is surviving after Purim should increase on a yearly basis. You prune your plants so that they'll be better new growth, amen. You already clean because of the word which I gave into you.

Verse 4: Abide in me. That means stay, don't fall away, amen, stay, abide, dwell, stay in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides stays in the vine, the vine is the tree of life, Jesus, so that neither you unless you abide in me as a two-way street. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides stays in me, I and him, he bears much fruit. Doesn't say little. We expect it to double, for apart from me you can do nothing.

If anyone does not abiding me, he's thrown away as a branch and dries up, and they gather them and they're cast into the fire, and they are burned up. We need to add okay already has Malachi 4 there.

Verse 7: if you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. Now of course, we do have the Bible verse that clarifies that it has to be according to his will. Amen, so it does not mean that if you ask for a million dollars, you'd be given a million dollars without working for it. Those millionaires on Shark Tank, they have it because they did work for it.

So God is not a genie will you rub the bottle three times and make three wishes. He's not a genie, but rather you pray for something that is susceptible to his wheel, and then you put your prayer to action. That means you don't just pray for it, but you work to achieve it as well.

And some people say, well if you have to work to achieve it then why pray for it, that don't make no sense to me, but it makes complete sense because he's not a genie, and he's not expecting us to sit on the couch and wait for it to come to us. So we ask so that He is blessing, so that He's helping, so that he Knows that we're seeking his help, because we can do nothing apart from him. We need his help.

So it's like this: moving a very big large heavy piece of furniture into your house, so huge, so large that you cannot do it alone, you can't, it's that heavy. But if you ask for help and receive the help, you and the Lord together can lift it and move mountains, right. Us by ourselves, we cannot move them out, that with the Lord's help we can move them out, amen, praise God.

“My father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.” I love how it says that word prove, and then prove to be my disciples, not just claim to be or want to be or wish to be or believe or think, but prove to be my disciples. We are being tested and pruned so that we can prove that we're worthy and that we can persevere. We must prove to God that we're capable of persevering, not just capable, but we will press through. We will press through regardless of how difficult it becomes. We were pressed through, amen.

And I love how even God's keeping the commandments as part of staying in this tree of life, staying saved, is connected to keeping his commandments in those following verses, connected, amen. That's amazing, and I've never heard that brought out in any sermon, in any teaching, in any video, in any website, but keeping his commandments in this chapter is directly connected to stand as part of the tree of life, not falling away, and bearing fruit.

You cannot bear the type of fruit that God requires without keeping his commandments. It is impossible, and then you cannot bear the measurement and the type of fruit that God requires without keeping his commandments, and that needs to be in a meme.

And notice in verse 17, part of his commandments is loving one another. That's showing love to strangers, having that hospitality, being social, talking to people, using the voice, though our voice is a gift, is a talent.

I had an explosion in my face this morning, because my thermos that I used to drink out of every day, the drink in there had fermented. And when I when I opened that up today, I mean it was loud. Brother R was standing right next to me. It was loud. Explosion in my face. Very powerful. It was more than just a pop, I mean it was huge. And you know the thoughts came to me “do I still have my hearing, do I have brain damage” because it was that loud and powerful of a blast. And I was thankful when I did my snapping of my fingers next to my ears that I can still hear out of both ears, and I'm like “thank you Father that I still have a nose, thank you Father I still got my teeth — I just paid for these teeth. LOL! Things that we take for granted every day are gifts from the Lord.

God wants us to use our voice with carriage with talent of voice. And then that's one of the things Paul said about the spiritual armor of God, the whole armor of God. He said pray for me that I have the talent of speech that I ought to have. He said that. And it should be every man's prayer for the talent of speech to be used correctly. Of course to be used correctly.

Let's go to 1st Corinthians chapter 3 verse 12. And if any man builds on the foundation of gold, silver, precious stones,

wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident, for the day will show it. Because it is to be revealed with fire at the great white throne judgment, and the fire itself would test the quality of each man's work, your fruit.

If any man's work which he has built upon if it still remains he will receive a reward if any man's work is burned up he will suffer loss but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

So that means that if we have people that we have witnessed to and they have fallen away, that we maintained salvation. So there's a different fruit a different type of fruit which what we're talking about there so it can be confusing to a lot of people.

Okay so what we see in this particular context is not talking about the fruits of the spirit because that would be if it was talking about the fruits of the spirit that would be contradicting John 15 right.

So you see a lot of people don't understand the Bible because they don't prepare chapter with chapter and chapter and chapter they and book and book and book. They don't make comparisons, they just take one thing out of the Bible and build a doctrine upon it. That's not the way to do it, but that's the way every false church is built, every false church.

So we must understand that this has to be a different fruit from different from John 15, so it's not contradictory. So this is the fruit of you having witnessed to people that their works are burned up they are burned up they have fallen away but your salvation still maintains. So our salvation is not based upon what other people do with their lives and we can praise God for that, amen.

But we're still required to have something remaining according to John 15 that when the Lake of Fire comes that we do still have the fruits of our works of the fruits of the spirit must still remain.

So I wanted to share a comparison there because you'll see anything and everything on the internet tall anything and everything so I wanted to understand the difference between that chapter and John 15 and Matthew 25 and so forth.

But the lessons that we can learn from that middle section of Matthew 25 the lessons we can learn is the need to work hard that we must put forth effort not use excuses not be lazy not be useless that we must work for the kingdom.

Many times Jesus used the parables of in the symbolism of working in a farm or a grape farm or a wheat farm and work in it so that the worker of the harvest and the owner of the field can reap those harvests the harvest at the end of the harvest season.

Jesus constantly spoke of such types of symbolism over and over and over and over, why did he use that symbolism so many different times constantly, is that he wanted us to be workers. And that's more than just praying although praying is a good work and a very basic elementary you can't get more basic more elementary than that. We need to make sure we have our bases covered. We need to make for sure that we have the elementary things down pat, that we do pray every morning when we get up.

It can be before we get out of the bed, or it can be while we're having our coffee with the Lord, it can be after you've stepped outside and praying under a tree. But it needs to be within that first hour of the day a long prayer not one minute. It can be broken up into a minute before you brush your teeth, and then five minutes after you get your coffee brewing, and then another 15 minutes after you get your food. It can be broken up like that.

But out of that first hour and at first two hours of the day a lot of that time should be reviewing with the Lord all of your cares, all of your anxieties, all of your sins, all of your weaknesses, all of your flaws, and all the problems in the church of the brothers and sisters.

Everything we're praying for them for continuing to pray for AJ because we don't know whether he's alive. We don't know if he's in the hospital, we don't know if he's in jail, we don't know if he's fallen away, we don't know nothing. So we have to keep praying because he may be in lots of pain, he may be in in prison in jail for the next year, we don't know if he's laid up in a coma, we don't know. We need to keep on praying and keep and keep and keep and keep and keep praying for him.

He may be so in such a desperate situation in the bottom of a pit, that he needs us prayer warriors his church his brothers and sisters to lift him up out of that pit. It's our duty, amen. We need to be praying for the people that follow the ministry from India. They need our prayers a whole lot. The people that follow the ministry from South South Africa need our prayers a whole lot.

The people who are from America need our prayers a whole lot, we need to pray for protect protection for President Trump, even though he's Nebuchadnezzar er even though he's two-faced and double-minded and Babylonian, but he is the king of the tribe of Manasseh, he is the king of America that God has put in place.

And compared to a lot of presidents he's a very fine president overall, even though he makes a lot of very bad stupid mistakes, but God is using him and he needs our prayers.

We don't want a Democrat to come in office. We need to be praying for the Republican conservative governors, the conservative leaders, the conservative people running for government; we need to be praying for conservative leaders and the leaders that are outspoken against Islam.

We need to be praying for the growth of this ministry, need be praying for my wife's mental healing, my physical health, the next sermon. The list is endless of what we and how can you pray all that in one minute? There is so much to pray for, amen. There's so much to pray for, so much more than what I just listed.

We got Passover coming up next weekend. You need to praying for that, for that service. We have the night to be much observed, is the night after Passover, the night to be much observed. We need to be praying for that. But this, we need to pray for brother J in prison. So much to pray for.

But the parable, the talents teach us to not make an excuse, because a lot of people say, you know, they do have that victim mentality, that I'm being too harsh with them, that they're the victim, that I shouldn't require so much from them because they didn't have anything to work with, when God gave them abundance to work with. God gave them abundance to work with, but their mentality is victimhood, their mentality is poverty, that they didn't have anything. We need to pray for those people, amen.

But we ourselves must have that strong work ethic, both in our jobs physically in this world as well as our work for the kingdom. We must have a strong work ethic. On a farm you work hard, you do have to lift heavy objects. On a farm you outside a lot, you get in that sunshine, you're doing the weeding, mowing, weeding and covering up the holes in the ground and digging other holes and covering other holes and filling up other holes. There's always something to do on a farm, always. There's never a time in which there's not something to do. If it's if everything went on once all the chores were done outside, and there's still chores inside. Once the chores inside are done, there's chores outside again, a constantly revolving thing.

And that's the way it is on every property, when people are not just renting and not caring about the property, but rather actually having property. Then you're, I mean, that I was a renter all my life until this current place here, and the amount of responsibility in having your own property is a hundred times more responsibility. There's always something constantly every day.

When you rent, the place just falls apart, you don't fix it, you call the landlord, you expect him to do the work for you. I was never that way even as a renter, because a lot of places I rented, the landlords could tell you the place was better when I moved out than what it was when I moved in. I would waterproof the basement, so I would paint the basement, so I would paint the walls in the house. I would fix things myself. I would take care of the place. Most renters don't do that because they're like it's not my place, I'm not gonna put my money and my investment and my time and my energy in a place I don't know.

But my mentality was I'm living in this place, I'm taking care of this place, I'm fixing this place, I want it to look good, I'm responsible for this place. It's all about mentality. A lot of people don't care if it don't belong to them. They always want to pass the responsibility to someone else, that we were we are stewards of wherever we dwell.

I've heard a lot of people that own their own land, own houses, and they'll say to me many times in my life, they said I don't own this, God does. I'm just a manager of this land, of this house. And many people in my life tell me that, and that is so true. So even when you're renting, you're just managing your household, your dwelling place.

But people don't look at it that way, because people don't have honor or respect anymore, or any work ethic, or even cleanliness anymore. Everybody's just nasty these days, no responsibility on any level. God is looking for movement, growth, effort, faithfulness, that effort.

It may require making signs, putting signs on the refrigerator or on the mirror or on our bedroom walls or the walls of our offices or index cards. It may require reminders. I need to do this, I need to do that, do this, do that, read this, do this, work on this. I need to have this mentality written down on index card. I need this mentality. Whatever it takes to meet this high requirement, to push through like that woman that pushed through the crowd of men, when she could have, she could have been easily stoned for pushing men aside. She could have been easily killed, but she pressed through the crowd of men to reach Jesus because she was desperate.

We need to be desperate to achieve the level of requirement that God expects.

Now we do have Passover communion next Friday evening. Make sure I got that right, yeah, next Friday evening at sunset. We're not going to record or broadcast. It's a very private solemn communion and foot washing. If you have not

been baptized in this ministry, you should not do the communion because you're baptized or not baptized in all the false churches and false pastors out there. They're not even called by God, they're not saved, they have no seed of the Holy Ghost in them, and it would be a dangerous thing to take communion in that context.

However, for the people that have been baptized in the truth in this ministry, I'm sorry that the camera's been off for a long time, but for the people that have been baptized in the truth in Jesus Christ through this ministry, you do your communion in your home, since we don't have really anybody else outside of Tennessee meeting with other brothers and sisters at the current time. So you'll be doing it in your own homes, and if you have a true brother or a true sister with you, and that would only be S and A, they would wash each other's feet, and here locally wash each other's feet after the communion.

And then we have services on Saturday, and it'll be the first day of unleavened bread. And then we'll have Saturday night the night to be much observed, so you need a special meal on Saturday for that.

So this week, starting tomorrow, we need to make for sure we start looking for what's leavened in the home, leavened bread that is, and start eating that stuff up, and then plan on how to use it all up and eat it all up by Friday sunset. And you can, if you have to, you can give some things away to family and friends or neighbors on that Friday morning, Friday afternoon, or Thursday or Wednesday if you have a lot, whatever you need to do to try to use it all up.

You don't have to take out baking soda from the house if you use it for cleaning drains or cleaning your toothbrush or brushing your teeth, that's not leavened bread. God is only concerned about leavening that is used for bread products. So if it's a container of baking soda that you do use to put in your breads and cakes, that needs to be used up or thrown away or gave it away by Friday sunset. But if you have a container of baking soda that expressly for cleaning or washing or something like that or deodorizing, then that can be kept.

You don't have to worry about eggs, because eggs is not a bread, it's not a grain. And you can find the recipe for the Passover bread, the communion bread, on the website, and you'll continue to eat the unleavened bread for seven days starting at front Friday sunset, seven 24-hour periods, at least one bite per day of unleavened bread, symbolizing the removal of sin from our lives, a process over our entire lifetime that is not all done at baptism. It's not all done in one day, it's not all done in one prayer. There's a process throughout our entire life.

So the seven days of unleavened bread symbolizing the long process of continually removing sin from our lives.

And then Sunday we'll have special services. So we'll have services both Saturday and Sunday this weekend, I mean next weekend. Sunday May the 3rd, because that is the anniversary of that first ascension of Christ on that Sunday morning after He had already risen from the dead and spoken to some people. He ascended up to Heaven for a few minutes and then came back down and then spoke to people again and walked on Earth for another 40 days before He ascended back into Heaven ten days before Pentecost.

So it's the Sunday morning in which He did ascend up to Heaven for a few minutes.

However, it's not a Sabbath. Sunday is not a Sabbath, but the Bible does talk about doing Holy Day offerings on that day. Therefore we will have worship services that day.

In the Old Testament it was known as the wave sheath offering.

So we have services both Saturday and Sunday next weekend.

Sunday will also be when we begin the countdown to Pentecost, counting 50 days to Pentecost. Pentecost will be on June the 21st this year. It's different every year. Pentecost 2026 will be June 21st, so we start the 50-day countdown on this next coming Sunday May the 3rd next week.

Any questions? Okay, we're going to put on a song, and we'll be right back with your comments and testimonies and questions and your testimonies. I encourage you to say the words "God did," find some way of using that phrase "God did." What did God do?

Let's see, we found on a song, song number 42, Sabbath day a gift so true.

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