

I'd like to read now part of the 19th chapter of Luke. Luke 19, beginning with verse 11, And as they heard these things he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. You notice this was given because they thought the kingdom of God should immediately appear, and therefore ^{it is} he's dealing with that which is going to occur while they are waiting for it to appear. A certain nobleman went into a far country, very plainly illustrates what the Lord Jesus Christ did. A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return, and he called his ten servants and delivered them ten pounds and said unto them, Occupy till I come. There's his command to us, occupy till I come. We are to represent him, we are to do his work, we are to win other people, we are to occupy till he come. But his citizens hated him and sent a message after him, saying, we will not have this man to reign over us. And how we do find that today. How many times we find those who are members of this world which God has created, those who should be servants of him who created them, who should be subject to him who died that they might receive forgiveness and live, saying, we will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said well, thou good servant, because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. And another came, saying Lord behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin. Are you keeping the talent the Lord has given you? Laid up in a napkin, trying to keep them clean, to give them back to him when he comes, clean but unused? Here, he said, is thy pound which I've kept laid up in a napkin, For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst now down, and reapest that thou didn't sow. And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked