Parable of the Five Talents

Beginning in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25, verse 14:
For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them His goods. 15 And unto one He gave Five talents, to another Two, and to another One; to every man according to his own ability: and straightway took His journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained another two. 18 But he that had received one (talent) went and digged in the earth, and hid His Lord’s money. 19 After a long time the Lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: Behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His Lord said unto him, Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: Enter into the Joy of the Lord!
22 He also that had received two talent came and said Lord, thou deliverest unto me two talents: Behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His Lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: Enter into the joy of the Lord! 24 Then he which had received One talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not stralled: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: Lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His Lord answered and said unto Him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not scattered. 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at My coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath Ten Talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath Not, shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the Unprofitable Servant into Outer Darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth!"

31 When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the Holy Angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: 32 And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from the another, as a shepherd divideth His sheep from the goats: 33 And He shall set the Sheep on His Right hand, But the Goats on the Left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on His Right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the Foundation of the World: 35 For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me.

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