

ARE YOU A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SLAVE?
A KINGDOM PARABLE WHICH UNVEILS MAKE-BELIEVERS,
(i.e. The wicked and faithless on their way to judgment)
Matthew 25:14-30

- I. **THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE IN THE KINGDOM AWAITING HIS RETURN:**
Jesus through a parable illustrates the responsibility entrusted to each who name His Name as Lord. (14-15)

- II. **THE RESPONSE OF THOSE ENTRUSTED:** Two are faithful and one is lazy (16-18)

- III. **THE RECKONING AND REWARD WE ALL FACE:** The Master unveils the true nature and thus eternal destiny of his slaves (19-30)
 - A. **The Master's evaluation for those who are good and faithful (19-23)**
 1. **The account given** by the first two slaves reveals their true nature (19-20, 22)

 2. **The Master's joyous response (21-23)**
 - a. An affirmation of their nature and character: Good and faithful (21a, 23a)
 - b. Multiplied kingdom reward and responsibility (21b 23b)
 - c. Entering the Master's eternal joy (21b 23b)

 - B. **The Master's evaluation and eternal punishment for those who are wicked and lazy: An declaration of their true nature, loss of everything and punishment in hell (24-30)**
 1. **The account given by the wicked and lazy slave** reveals his true nature. Giving excuses, he reveals had a wrong and evil view of his Master **(24-25)**

 2. **The Master's eternally sobering response (26-30)**
 - a. An affirmation of his nature and character: He is a wicked and lazy slave (26-27)
 - b. His stewardship fully removed and given to the faithful (28-29)
 - c. The wicked slave is cast into hell (30)