

## Greater Works Christian Church

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### End Time Mindset, Part 1

**Introduction:** In the Church today we hear a great deal about, “The End-times.” Much of what we are hearing is being preached at near hysteria levels. Many Christians are living in a state of fear, being paralyzed by what they are hearing in regards to world events and The End-times.

Before we can properly understand the unfolding of end-time events we MUST have our hearts established in Christ and His Word. When we are being obedient to the Words of Christ we are then established to properly process end-time doctrine, as well as, end-time events.

**Question and Discussion:** When you hear the term, “End-Times” what do you think of? Has the discussion of the End-Times been important to you? If so, why? If not, why?

### Do Business till I come

#### Luke 19:11-27

11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this *man* to reign over us.'

15 "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.'

17 And he said to him, 'Well *done*, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.'

19 Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

20 "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief.

21 For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

22 And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, *you* wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.

23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

24 "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give *it* to him who has ten minas.'

25 (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')

26 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

27 But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay *them* before me.' "

This parable gives us a picture of history (from the time of Christ) including the “end-times.”

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These verses indicate that the “nobleman” spoken of in this parable is Jesus. Just as He came to the earth for 33 ½ years (with a 3 ½ year ministry) then ascended to the Father, Jesus is coming back, just as the parable says.

**v.13)** This verse shows us that before the Nobleman (Jesus) left He gave the command, “**Do business till I come.**” Then He gave them the tools they needed to fulfill what was expected of them. In the parable a Mina was given (money) and the servants were expected to use this money to “do business.”

“**Do business until I come.**” This should be the driving force of all end-time teaching. If it doesn’t empower us to do what Jesus did, then it isn’t a “Mina” that can help us fulfill the command of the Lord.

**Question and Discussion:** “Do business until I come.” What business was Jesus referring to? Are you currently engaged in this business? What can you do to better fulfill this mandate?

The nobleman in this parable gave His servants the tools needed to do what he was already doing. Since he was a nobleman he would have been one that knew how to make money. He knew how to multiply his resources.

When the nobleman was about to leave he gave his servants the ability to do what he had been doing- work with money. The servants were to take the money and “Do business” with it until the nobleman returned. Working for and with this nobleman, they would have known how to “Do business” and multiply what they were entrusted with.

When Jesus ascended he gave us what we needed to “do business” as we should. Just as the nobleman entrusted the thing that made him who he was (money), Jesus also gave what made Him who He is- primarily the Holy Spirit!

### **The “Business” of the Church**

Just as the nobleman gave instructions to his servants just before his departure, so Jesus did with His servants, the disciples. This wasn't a command merely for the 12, or those of that day, but a command that echoes through history. This command is to everyone that follows Christ until His return.

#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

These 3 verses are powerful when we understand them. There are life changing revelations in these verses- life changing IF we allow them to change us.

**v.18)** Jesus said, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”*

This statement shows us that Jesus has the authority to command us to do anything He wants. It also shows that He will give us what we need to accomplish the task He asks of us.

**v.19)** *“Go make disciples of all nations...”*

Notice that Jesus didn't say, make converts. We are commanded to “make disciples” not converts.

Jesus had disciples following Him, not mere converts. Disciples are true followers that are loyal to their Teacher (master). We are not only to make disciples of those around us, but of “all nations”.

#### **Disciple (3100) *matheteuo***

- 1) to be a disciple of one
- 1a) to follow his precepts and instructions
- 2) to make a disciple
- 2a) to teach, instruct

**Nations (1484) *ethnos***

- 1) a multitude (whether of men or of beasts) associated or living together
- 2) a multitude of individuals of the same nature or genus
- 3) a tribe, nation, people group
- 4) in the OT, foreign nations not worshipping the true God, pagans, Gentiles

We are to teach and instruct every people group (ethnos) of the world, making them followers of Jesus Christ (disciples). In other words, ***we are to do the "Business" of Jesus until He returns.***

**v.19 continued)** *"baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"*

When understood this is awesome! This isn't speaking about water baptism, but instead, baptizing nations (people groups) in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Baptizing (baptize) (907) *baptizo***

- 1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)
- 2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe
- 3) to overwhelm

**Name (3686) *onoma***

- 1) name: univ. of proper names
- 2) the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the name, i.e. for one's rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc.
- 3) persons reckoned up by name
- 4) the cause or reason named: on this account, because he suffers as a Christian, for this reason

Take note of #2. The name represents everything the bearer has and will ever have; was, is and will be; their character and traits, etc.

Jesus was telling us that we are to completely engulf and submerge entire people groups in ALL that the Father is and Has, ALL that Jesus is and has and ALL that the Holy Spirit is and has.

**v.20)** *"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you"*

As we are "baptizing" entire people groups in everything that God is and has, we are to teach them everything that we have learned from Jesus.

This is the job of the Church until Jesus returns.

**Question and Discussion:** What are you currently doing to fulfill the Great Commission? What can you do to disciple nations? What education and/or motivation do you need to fulfill your part of the Great Commission?

**Conclusion:** Jesus began His ministry in Israel 2000 years ago with the Jewish people; we are to expand His “Business” to every other people group in the earth. What Jesus did for the people of His day, we are to do for those all around us, and all over the globe.

**Question and Discussion:** The Great Commission is based in Love. The Love of God for the nations; our love for God and His Word and our love for the people we are to be discipling. What can you do to increase your love for those you are to be discipling? If God calls you to the nations would you go? If not, why?