

Commentary on the Gospel for Sat, Aug 27th 2011

ANOTHER parable about the master who goes away leaving his servants in charge, leaving silver with the servants in differing amounts. One gets five, another two, another just one. Two are very entrepreneurial and double what they were given in trust; the other doesn't do that sort of risky business and buries it so that it will be there when the master returns.

And return he does and what to do how things have fared. The first two reap the master's goodwill and are given more power. The last describes the master terribly: he's unscrupulous taking and making profit on what he doesn't work for, dishonest at best, violent at his worst. And the one talent (a huge sum of money) is taken from him and given to the one who is most adept at making money for the master. Is this our God: Is this the Father of Jesus? And then the dictum is given: for to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who are unproductive, even what they have will be taken from them. This is the way of economics, nations and the world, not of our God. In this world those who do not play the games of the world are useless, but at judgment (the next parable of the sheep and goats) they will be in the kingdom they served from the

beginning-God's care for the poor and justice and peace.

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