

The Mammon Parable (Luke 16:1-18)

— INTRODUCTORY MATTERS —

- CTR (R.4536): “There is room for dispute in respect to the teachings of this parable.”
- Even its name!
 - “Unrighteous (unjust) Steward” (16:18)
 - but
 - “Shrewd Steward” (16:8)
 - or maybe
 - “Prodigal Steward”
 - but
 - “The Mammon Parable” (because of its lesson)
- Its larger context:

The 4 prior and 1 subsequent parables are all about the Jewish Harvest.

NOTE: Matthew focuses on 2nd Advent Parables
Luke focuses on 1st Advent Parables

- The KIND of parable:

Basically three kinds of parables: (1) Historic
(2) Prophetic
(3) Lesson

This one:

LINKED to (1) Jewish history
(2) Jewish Harvest prophecy
but

PRIMARILY INSTRUCTIONAL about

lessons for Israel which is about to be rejected:

“If only you could have done it THIS way,
you could have had a successful transplant
from the House of Servants to the
House of Sons.”

NOTE: ADDRESSED to Disciples (v. 1)
OVERHEARD by Pharisees (v. 14)

— This parable has THREE REASONS for existing:

- (1) Explains the reason for Israel's failure
- (2) Explains the needed change of attitude for those wishing to overcome
- (3) Explains the required future behavior for saints in the Gospel Age.

— THE PARABLE —

Its Construction:

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| 1, 2 | The Problem |
| 3-7 | The Solution
(The Parable Ends Here) |
| 8-13 | The Lessons |
| 14-18 | The Condemnation |

Its Details:

Luke 16:1-7

— SUBSEQUENT TO THE PARABLE —

Jesus' Comments:

Luke 16:8-13

- Tells us the AIM or LESSONS of the parable
- The "Mystery Lesson" verse

The "Follow-Up" verses:

Luke 16:14-18
