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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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Good morning, friends. It is certainly a pleasure to be coming your way another time with a short gospel message. I hope that this day finds you much encouraged to press on for the Lord. It is surely a rewarding life and I am not at all sorry that I made the choice many years ago to serve God and put him first in my life. Many blessings have come my way and I hope that in some small measure I may show my gratitude to God and to the saints for these blessings which we have received. The talent which God has given I want to use for him, that his cause may be advanced and his name glorified.

Let me give you this scripture once again which we've been using on the broadcast for several weeks now. I hope that we will be able to finish this series of messages on the talents. But here is the scripture, "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money." Matt. 25:14-18

Now let us notice this 19th verse of the 25th chapter of Matthew. "After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them." Just think of the things that are going to take place when

THE TALENTS ARE RETURNED: When the Lord takes account of his servants, the return from every talent will be observed. The work which has been accomplished will reveal the character of the worker. Those who have received the 5 and the 2 talents will return to the Lord their entrusted gifts along with their increase. But it will not be for them to claim the merits of their accomplishments for their own glory. Sure, their talents will have gained in value but this could not have been done had it not been for the original gift from the Lord. They will have only done and accomplished their duty. The capital was the Lord's; the improvement will be his also. Was it not the saviour who bestowed upon them his love and grace, without which they would have been bankrupt for eternity, so to speak? But I believe the Lord will be filled with joy and satisfaction as he rewards those who have been faithful to him. For every service and every sacrifice he will repay them many times over again. Now just notice what the scripture says, "Well done, thou good

