



THE WORK OF A SERVANT OF GOD

“The Parable of the Unprofitable Servant”

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Text: **Luke 17:7-10**

Introduction: It is a common thing to find the master and servant relationship described in the parables of Jesus. Matthew’s gospel alone records three parables with that particular theme. In the previous chapter Jesus had dealt with the Pharisees that were “*lovers of money*” (**Luke 16:14**) and guilty of many other offenses (**Luke 17:1-2**). And just prior to the parable for consideration today, Jesus taught about forgiveness to His disciples. In order to avoid the love of money, the offenses of the Pharisees, and an erroneous view of forgiveness, the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith (**Luke 17:5**). Therefore, Jesus taught them the Parable of the Mustard Seed (**Luke 17:6**) and this parable. Let’s study it together. . . .

Discussion :

I. The Role of the Master

A. The Master Reigns

Genesis 1:1, Psalm 93, Psalm 96-97, Psalm 99, John 1:1ff, Revelation 19:6

B. The Master Rules

Matthew 25:14-30, Romans 12:3-8, I Corinthians 12:1ff, Ephesians 4:11-16

II. The Role of the Servant

A. The Servant Works

Matthew 18: 21-35, 20:1-16, 25:14-30

B. The Servant Serves

Hosea 6:6, Micah 6:8, John 13

III. The Work & Service is a Blessing

A. We Are Blessed To Be God’s Servant

B. We Are Blessed To Be In God’s House

C. We Are Blessed To Receive Any Reward

D. We Are Blessed To Except Our Role

E. We Are Blessed If We Have The Right Attitude

Luke 19:10, Philippians 2:5-11, I Peter 2:21-25

Conclusion: Do you know your place in God’s kingdom? Are you using your talents without grumbling or complaining? Do you know the grace of God? Are you doing good works? God loves you and will provide everything you will ever need, but don’t get prideful and arrogant when you serve God. Remember that He must be the Lord and Master of your life.

WORD OF THE DAY = “**Servant**”