

Title: King Jesus, the Profuse and Precise

Passage: Luke 12:41-48

Draft Summary:

I. Your King is excessive in grace

II. Your King is exact in justice

Key Truths:

- God is perfect in grace and in justice.
- but God's perfection in His grace is not like in His perfection in His justice.
 - Perfect justice demands precision
 - Perfect grace is profuse

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What point(s) in the sermon did the Lord most impress upon you?
 - How may the truth of God's lavish grace upon you through faith in Christ affect you today?
 - Is there something about God's will that we have not done or been delayed in doing? Why so?
 - How can we live differently in light of God's exacting justice that we will be called to account for what we have done in this life?
 - What next steps will you take in response to the sermon?
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Passage

Luke 12:35-48

"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.

Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

Introduction

God is perfect in grace and in justice.

- but God's perfection in His grace is not like in His perfection in His justice.
 - Perfect justice demands precision
 - Too much or too little is injustice
 - Perfect grace is profuse (plentiful, freely given)

God's justice is precise.

Isaiah 30:18b

For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Deuteronomy 32:4

"The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

Psalms 19:9

the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

Leviticus 19:35-36

You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

- justice is perfect only when it is precise.

God's grace is profuse (abounding surplus)

Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

1 Timothy 1:14

and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:20

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

Ephesians 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

- Key phrases: riches of His grace; He lavished upon us

How balance or reconcile God's precise justice and abounding grace?

Romans 3:24-26

and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- God was glorified to exercise precise justice through the dying Christ so that He can be extravagantly gracious to us in the living Christ.

Overview

I. Your King is excessive in grace (v.41-44)

II. Your King is exact in justice (v.45-48)

EXPOSITION

I. YOUR KING IS EXCESSIVE IN GRACE (v.41-44)

Luke 12:41

Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?"

- Which parable referenced?

Luke 12:40

You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Luke 12:42

"And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and prudent steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?"

A kingdom is comprised of two aspects: 1) king, and 2) its subjects.

- All subjects are slaves, which included prime ministers and servants.
- Steward = slaves, not sovereign.

whom his master will put in charge of his servants

- Steward's qualifications:
 - Faithful (believing)
 - Meaning = is a Christian (created by Him, bought by His blood, called by Him)
 - Note: elders and deacons are not self-appointed but called and qualified by the church.
 - See Titus 1, 1 Timothy 3
 - Prudent (mindful, wise)
 - Placed over the master's servants

to give them their rations at the proper time?

- servant = represents us and the people of God.
- rations = Gospel rations where feeding the people of God in proper time:
 - comfort to sufferers
 - wisdom to wanderers
 - encouragement to faint-hearts
- Christ is our bread from heaven.

Luke 12:43

Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

- a picture of the king's heart.
 - Not a demand that the slave to do His master's will
 - But rather a blessing

Luke 22:29-30

and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

- Who will reign with Christ? All those who are called by Him and believe in Him.

Luke 12:44

Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

- Promotion of steward
 - The master will put the faithful and prudent steward in charge of all his possessions
 - Ex: Joseph from prisoner to palace
- Compare: What belongs to Christ? What has He done and could do?

John 1:3

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Colossians 1:17

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Hebrews 1:2

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

- Christ has and can create all things.

Colossians 3:2-4

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- Politicians merely nibble on pine cones while Jesus has and will provide all the forests of the world.
 - Set your minds on God above.

Luke 19:16-17

The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.'

- Parable of a servant being faithful with a coin and, in return, was given cities.
 - Picture of God's lavish grace and blessing to His beloved.
 - God turns coins into cities!

II. YOUR KING IS EXACT IN JUSTICE (v. 45-48)

Luke 12:45-48

But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers. "And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many beatings, but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a beating, will receive but a few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required, and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

Luke 12:45

But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk,

But if that slave says in his heart,

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

1 Corinthians 3:11-13

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

Romans 2:16

on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

- Only God knows the heart.

My master will be a long time in coming,'

- The unfaithful does not truly love and believe the king.

and begins to beat the male and female servants,

- The unfaithful does not treat the king's servants well.

and to eat and drink and get drunk,

- The unfaithful fleece the sheep and focus on the benefits only.

Luke 12:46

the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

- Clear picture of hell.

Luke 12:5

But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

- Key: Fear the Lord and be in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 12:47

And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many beatings,

- God is precise in His execution of His justice.

Luke 12:48

but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a beating, will receive but a few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required, and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

- You have been given the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - You have been entrusted with the most precious treasure of the world.
 - God will demand the most from us when called to account.
 - Have we not only known God's will but also done it?

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.