

A Tale of Two Masters!

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!’– Luke 15:17.

The scripture paints a picture of the lives of two servants. First the young man was a hired servant of a citizen in a distant land. There he was in lack and was hungry. Second, he makes reference to the servant in his father’s house who lived a life of abundance and overflow:

“...my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!”

The young man admitted that life for the servant in his father’s house was better than he experienced as a hired servant of the citizen. There was no lack, even during the mighty famine that plagued the land. The spiritual significance should not go unnoticed.

First, the father’s households can be likened to the kingdom of God, while that of the citizen in the distant land to that of the kingdom of darkness. As servants of God, our Lord supplies our every need, and in time of famine there is no lack, and our souls are nourished.

“Fear the Lord, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need. . .and those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.” -Psalm 34:9-10.

“.. in the days of famine they will have abundance.” - Psalm 37:19

On the other hand, as servants of the devil, there will inevitably be hardship and lack, as satan’s ultimate goal is to destroy us.

Further, Matthew 6:24 is clear that we cannot serve two masters:

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

May our eyes be opened like the young man in the above parable, and recognize that there is always abundance in our Father’s house, and that those who trust the Lord will have all they need.

Memory Verse: *‘. . .those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.’ - Psalm 34:10.*

Heavenly Father,

“Teach me to fear and have reverence for Your name. For those who fear You, O God will have their needs met and lack no good thing. In Jesus’ name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.”