

OUTER DARKNESS / CAST OUT PASSAGES

Matthew 7:20 So you'll recognize them by their fruit. **21** ¶ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ will **enter the kingdom** of heaven, but only the one who **does the will of My Father** in heaven. **22** On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in Your name, drive out demons in Your name, and do many miracles in Your name?’ **23** Then I will announce to them, ‘**I never knew you! Depart from Me, you lawbreakers!**’

Luke 13:23 “Lord,” someone asked Him, “are there few being saved?”

¶ He said to them, **24** “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and won’t be able **25** once the homeowner gets up and **shuts the door**. Then you will stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open up for us!’ He will answer you, ‘**I don’t know you** or where you’re from.’ **26** Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets!’ **27** But He will say, ‘I tell you, I don’t know you or where you’re from.’

Get away from Me, all you **workers of unrighteousness!** ²⁸ There will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth in that place**, when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in **the kingdom** of God but yourselves thrown out.

Matthew 8:11 I tell you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob **in the kingdom** of heaven. ¹² But the sons of the kingdom will be **thrown into the outer darkness**. In **that place** there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.”

Matthew 13:41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather **from His kingdom** everything that causes sin and those guilty of lawlessness. ⁴² They will **throw them into the blazing furnace** where there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun **in their Father's kingdom**. Anyone who has ears should listen!

Matthew 25:13 “Therefore be alert, because you don’t know either the day or the hour. 14 “For it is just like a man going on a journey. He called his own slaves and turned over his possessions to them. 15 To one he gave five talents; to another, two; and to another, one—to each according to his own ability. Then he went on a journey. Immediately 16 the man who had received five talents went, put them to work, and earned five more. 17 In the same way the man with two earned two more. 18 But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master’s money. 19 “After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five talents approached, presented five more talents, and said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. Look, I’ve earned five more talents.’ 21 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy!’ 22 “Then the man with two talents also approached. He said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. Look, I’ve earned two more talents.’ 23 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy!’ 24 “Then the man who had received one talent also approached and said, ‘Master, I know you. You’re a difficult man, reaping where you haven’t sown and gathering where you haven’t scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. Look, you have what is yours.’ 26 “But his master replied to him, ‘You evil, lazy slave! If you knew that I reap where I haven’t sown and gather where I haven’t scattered, 27 then you should have deposited my money with the bankers. And when I returned I would have received my money back with interest. 28 “So take the talent from him and give it to the one who has 10 talents. 29 For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have more than enough. But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 30 And throw this good-for-nothing slave into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

NOTE: talent = fairly highly unit of coinage

Luke 19:9 ¶ “Today salvation has come to this house,” Jesus told him, “because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”
Luke 19:11 As they were listening to this, He went on to tell a parable because He was near Jerusalem, and they thought the kingdom of God was going to appear right away. 12 Therefore He said: “A nobleman traveled to a far country to receive for himself authority to be king and then return. 13 He called 10 of his slaves, gave them 10 minas, and told them, ‘Engage in business until I come back.’ 14 “But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We don’t want this man to rule over us!’ 15 “At his return, having received the authority to be king, he summoned those slaves he had given the money to, so he could find out how much they had made in business. 16 The first came forward and said, ‘Master, your mina has earned 10 more minas.’ 17 “Well done, good slave!’ he told him. ‘Because you have been faithful in a very small matter, have authority over 10 towns.’ 18 “The second came and said, ‘Master, your mina has made five minas.’ 19 “So he said to him, ‘You will be over five towns.’ 20 “And another came and said, ‘Master, here is your mina. I have kept it hidden away in a cloth 21 because I was afraid of you, for you’re a tough man: you collect what you didn’t deposit and reap what you didn’t sow.’ 22 “He told him, ‘I will judge you by what you have said, you evil slave! If you knew I was a tough man, collecting what I didn’t deposit and reaping what I didn’t sow, 23 why didn’t you put my money in the bank? And when I returned, I would have collected it with interest!’ 24 So he said to those standing there, ‘Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has 10 minas.’ 25 “But they said to him, ‘Master, he has 10 minas.’ 26 “I tell you, that to everyone who has, more will be given; and from the one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away. 27 But bring here these enemies of mine, who did not want me to rule over them, and slaughter them in my presence.’”

NOTE: mina = 100 drachmas (1 drachma would buy a sheep; 4 would buy a slave)

Matthew 13:49 So it will be **at the end of the age**. The angels will go out, separate the evil people from the righteous,⁵⁰ and **throw them into the blazing furnace**. In that place there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.

Matthew 22:12 So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. ¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him up hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.’ [NOTE: don’t write into “friend” our modern meaning; the term is a common greeting for someone whose name you don’t know; is less than a brother or companion]

Matthew 24:50 that slave’s master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. ⁵¹ He will cut him to pieces and assign him a **place with the hypocrites**. In that place there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.

Matthew 25:11 ¶ “Later the rest of the virgins also came and said, ‘Master, master, open up

for us!’ ¹² ¶ “But he replied, ‘**Lassure you: I do not know you!**’

Matthew 25:29 For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have more than enough. But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ³⁰ And throw this good-for-nothing slave into the outer darkness. In that place there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth.**’

Matthew 13:11 He answered them, “Because the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given for you to know, but it has not been given to them. ¹² For whoever has, more will be given to him, and he will have more than enough. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ For this reason I speak to them in parables, because looking they do not see, and hearing they do not listen or understand.