

CHAPEL TALK 2/13/64

looking at the temple. There are certain differences between them, but the similarities are far greater than the differences. Both ~~are definitely~~ <sup>of them are</sup> related to the return of the lord, and particularly <sup>to</sup> the period that is to intervene before <sup>h</sup> his return. ~~Then~~ <sup>They thought that</sup> ~~after that~~ <sup>would</sup> immediately he ~~will~~ set up the kingdom of God. But he told them that <sup>instead</sup> the kingdom of heaven would be like a <sup>noble man</sup> ~~governor~~ who went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and return. So, I think that we can safely say that the ~~te~~ <sup>us a</sup> two parables give ~~out the~~ picture of the situation of the present age <sup>of the time</sup> between departure of our Lord ~~to~~ into heaven and the time when he is coming back. In the parable <sup>of the talents</sup> we are told to watch, for we do not know <sup>the day nor the hour</sup> when the Lord is coming back. In the parable <sup>6.00</sup> we are definitely commanded to watch, for we do not know the hour <sup>when our</sup> Lord is to come. But we are told what we are to do. Watch does not mean that we are so concerned about His coming ~~and~~ that we do not have time for anything else. Very different indeed is the meaning of this Greek word. <sup>it means</sup> To be vigilant, to be wide awake <sup>be active</sup> in His service. To be active in his service, because we do not know when he will come back, nor <sup>w</sup> do we know the time of service which will come to an end. Those two parables <sup>then</sup> are closely related, and ~~each~~ in each of them we find two kinds of people. The difference is <sup>talents Pounds</sup> apparent in both, but particularly stressed in the parable of the ~~power~~. There <sup>citizens</sup> we have the faithful servants and the rebellious ~~servants~~. And the two are <sup>sharply</sup> ~~slightly~~ separated in this parable, and I think that that is the most important thing in this present age. It is for us to make it ~~sure~~ absolutely sure which category we are in. Are we among those who say, I am <sup>will</sup> not <sup>have this man to</sup> rule over me. We are not to be in that category. ~~WA-~~ Are we in that category? There are only two categories. There are free citizens who <sup>not the</sup> admire him and honor him, but who do what they feel like doing. That does not exist in the parable.