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Last sermon in series on The Return of the King (Matt 24.44-51)

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### 2. What Results – v6-13

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They are shut out (Matt 7.21-23)

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### 3. The Responsibilities – v14-18 – Parable of Talents

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Talent – 35 kg of coins

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to serve Christ (Rom 12.6-13)

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