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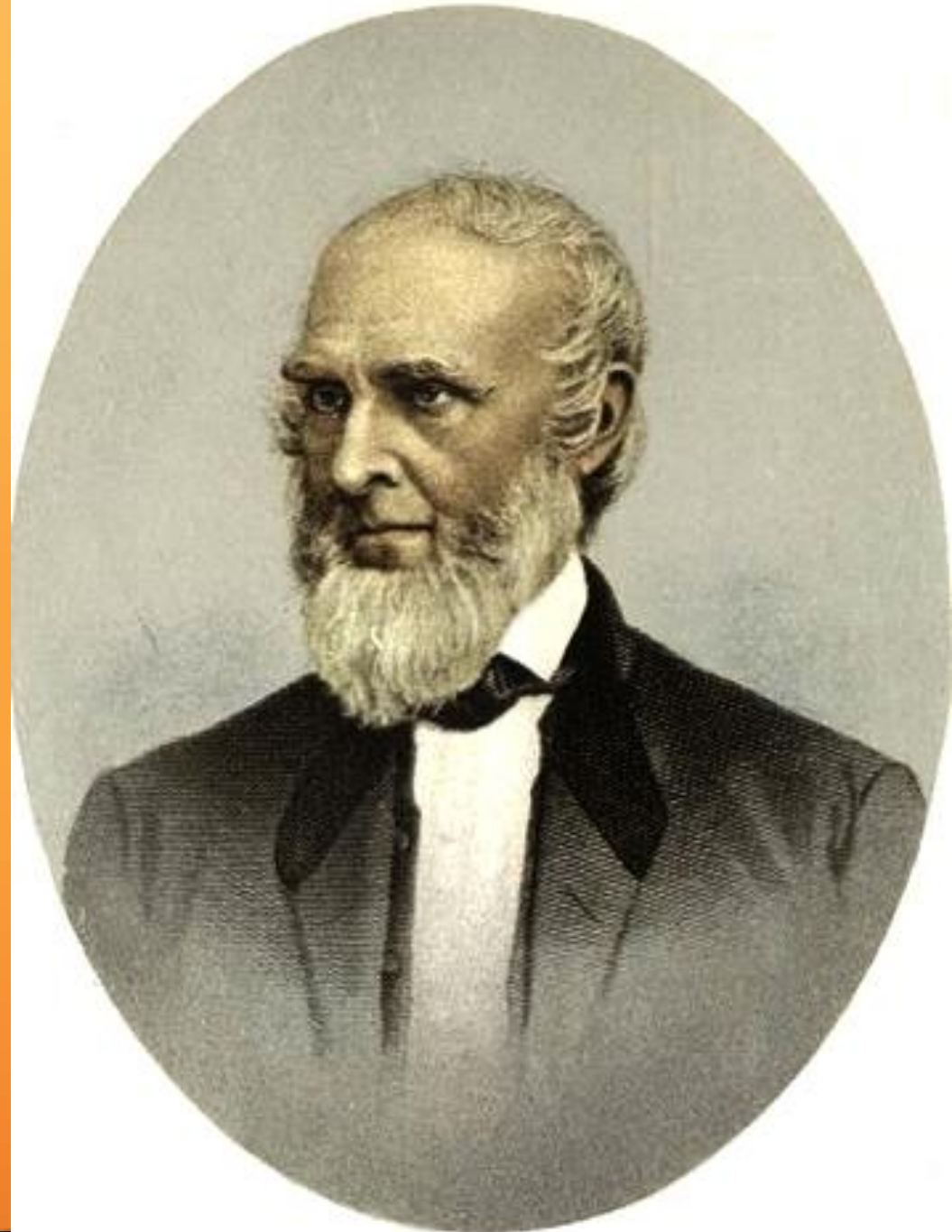
“The Parable of Talents”

MATTHEW 25:14-30



“For of all sad words of tongue
or pen, the saddest are these:
‘It might have been.’”

John G. Whittier



³⁵ So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.

³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

John 12:35-36



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*⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything,
but only God who gives the growth.*

*⁸ He who plants and he who waters are one,
and each will receive his wages according to his
labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers.*

You are God's field, God's building.

I Corinthians 3:7-9



*19 For what can be known about God is plain to them,
because God has shown it to them.*

*20 For his invisible attributes, namely,
his eternal power and divine nature,*

*have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the
world, in the things that have been made.*

So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:19-20



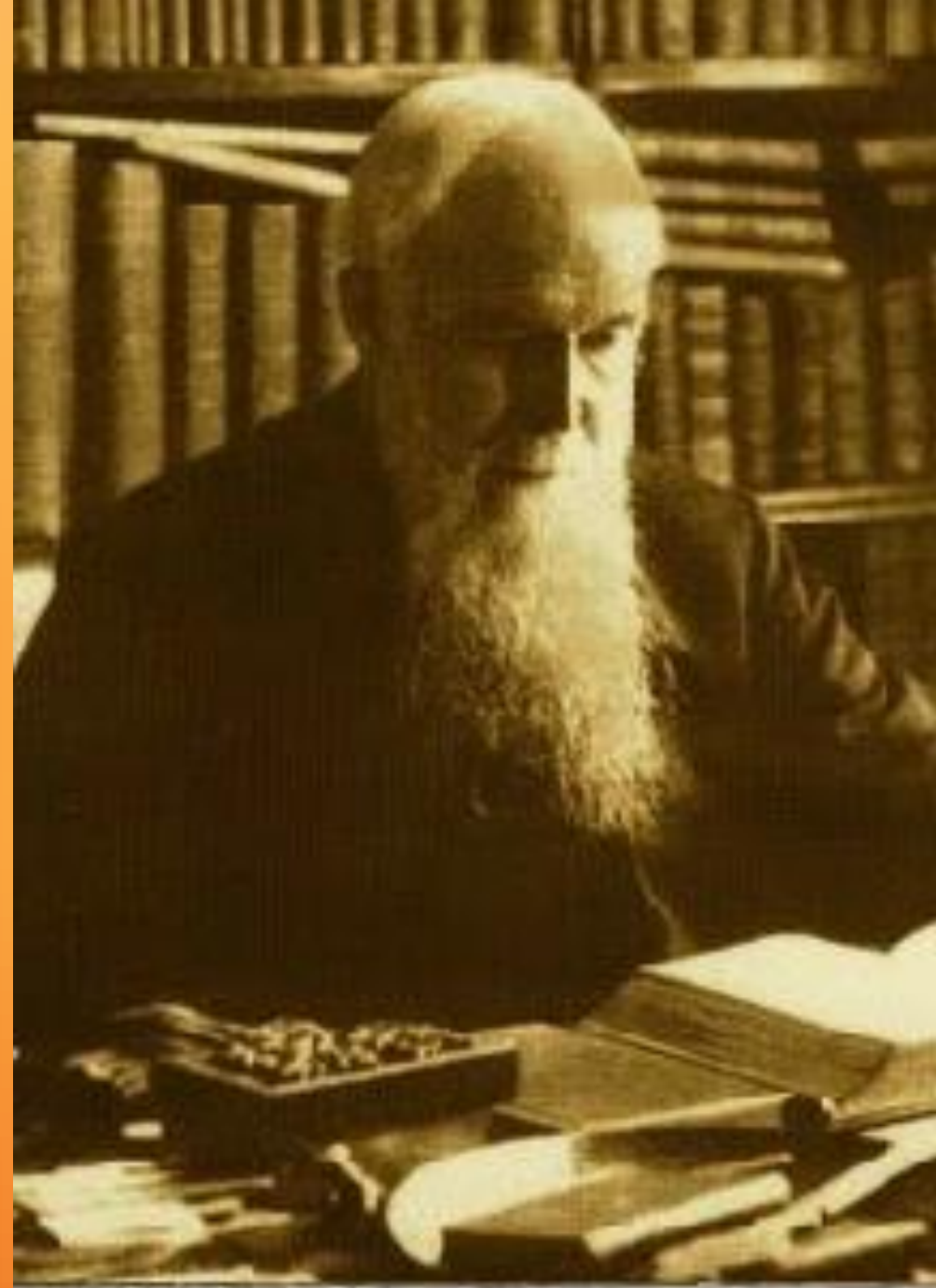
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“They all have light that they do not use: they might all be better than they are. But they are all daily robbing God. He has lent them much, and they make Him no return.”

J. C. Ryle



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- II. Not everyone will serve God (vs. 16-18).
- III. Everyone will be rewarded or judged (vs. 19-30).



1. Seat of Christ (Romans 14:10-12;
I Corinthians 3:10-4:5; II Corinthians 5:1-10)
2. Tribulation saints (Revelation 20:4-6)
3. O.T. saints (Daniel 12:1-2)
4. Jews at end of tribulation (Zechariah 12)
5. Gentile nations (Joel 3:1-2)
6. Satan and fallen angels (Revelation 20:10)
7. Great white throne (Revelation 20:11-15)
8. Heavens and earth (II Peter 3:10)

Coming Judgments



“There, the foolish virgins failed from thinking their part too easy—here, the wicked servant [fails] from thinking too hard.’
Grace never condones irresponsibility; even those given less are obligated to use and develop what they have.”

D. A. Carson

