



What is our salvation FOR?  
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**Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)**  
 A man going on a journey entrusted his property to three servants: five talents to one, two to another, and one to a third, 'because he knew that they were honest'; but the first two went and traded with the talents, and the third went and hid his talent in the earth. At the end of the journey the master demanded an account of the talents. The first two servants had doubled their talents, and the master praised them. The third servant had hidden his talent and said, 'I was afraid, for I knew you were a hard man, and I was afraid to entrust my talent to you, lest you might take it from me and give it to someone else.' The master rebuked him and said, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I do not sow, and I gather where I do not scatter seed? So you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I might have received it with interest.' Then he said to the two servants who had doubled their talents, 'Well done, good servants! 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But what are we rescued TO?

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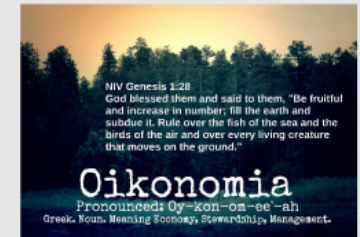
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**NIV Genesis 1:28**

**God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."**

**Oikonomia**

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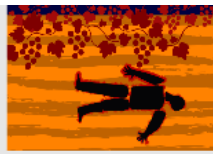
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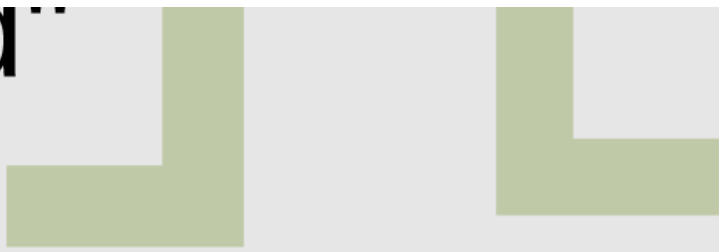
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