

Series: Kingdom Parables (10/29/17)

Title: Weeding Wheat???

Text: (Matt 13:24-30; 36-43)

Jesus used parables to teach God's Truth?

2. (Matt 13:3) *He spake many things unto them in parables*

3. (Matt 13:34-35) *All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:*

It was Prophesied the Messiah would do this?

4. (Matt 13:35) *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. (Ps 78:2). They Jews should have recognized Him for it*

What is a Parable?

Parable ~ "to lay alongside" for Comparison. Jesus' parables were stories that were "lain alongside" a truth in order to illustrate that truth.

A Parable can be a Pithy, Instructive Saying:

"Physician, heal thyself"

A Parable can be a Similitude, a Comparison of one thing to another.

"Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor; where with shall it be salted?"

A Parable can be an earthly Story to compare with a heavenly meaning.

"The Wise man build his House upon a Rock"

"The story of the Good Samaritan"

"The Prodigal Son"

Why Did Jesus switch to Teaching in Parables?

His use of parables had a two-fold purpose:

Reveal truth to those who wanted to know it.

Conceal truth from those who were indifferent.

(Matt 13:10-17)

5. (Vs 10) *"Why speakest thou to them in parables?"*

6. (Vs 11) *"B/c it is given to you to know, but not them"*

Because God loves them less? NO.

Because God loves the disciples more? NO

He gives the answer in vs 12.

7. (Vs12) ***"For whosoever hath,"***

(Speaking of an open, pure heart)

Not relying on their own Self Righteousness.

"to him shall be given & shall have more abundance"

Eternal life, direct Access to God, A Home in Heaven
(Much Greater than we have now)

"but whosoever hath not,"

(Speaking of not having an open, pure heart)

The Self Righteous cannot be saved.

Because they do not believe they are lost.

They do not believe they need a Savior.

They believe they have attained already!

Illus: Figuratively thumbing their nose at God!

“from him shall be taken away even that he hath.”

Empty, Powerless Religion, Formalism, Self Righteousness.

Why Use Parables? The Earthly Reason:

8. (Vs 13) By using Parables, Jesus was exciting the curiosity of the concerned - Those who wanted to know and learn the truth.

He was hiding the truth from them that would not hear it.

Jesus was careful not to give them a false sense of security by understanding it, Thus, not helping their situation.

9. (14-15) He is quoting (Isaiah 6:9-10)

10. (16-17) You are Blessed b/c your hearts are pure. (Ps 78:2) says that these mysteries were hidden since the foundation of the world.

A ***Mystery*** is a Truth, that has been hidden in ages past, but now is revealed by God through Christ.

The OT is the NT Concealed

- The NT is the OT Revealed

Jesus Taught 7 Kingdom Parables

4 are Public, given to all from the boat.

3 are Private, for the disciples, in the house.

What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

This is not referring to the Millennial Kingdom
It is the Kings Domain on the earth.

This Kingdom is not “The Church”.

The Church is part of the Kingdom of Heaven, but distinct from it.

The Kingdom of Heaven is the Kings Domain, here on earth, in the heart of All the Saved.

The Time of the Kingdom

With the Preaching of Christ, we see the beginning of the Kingdom Age, and it continues till the King returns.

4 Public Parables

1st: In the Parable of the Sower:

11. (Matt 13:3-8; 18-23) Christ is dealing with the Individual

The Soil is the Human Heart.

The Sower is Christ.

The Seed is the Word of God.

The Wicked One is Satan.

His objective is to oppose all Kingdom expansion.

He Snatches the seeds away.

He Starves the seed out.

He Smothers the Plant, rendering it unfruitful.

4 Types of Soil = 4 conditions of the human heart.

2nd: In the Parable of the Wheat & Tares:

12. (Vs 24-30)

13. (Vs 36, 37, 38-43) Jesus Explains it to us.

There must be light to contrast the darkness:

14. (1 Cor 11:18-19) *For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. 19 For there must be also heresies among you, that (for the reason why is..) they which are approved may be made manifest among you.*

Where ever Jesus plants true believers, Satan's opposition is by planting false christians who oppose the work and hinder the harvest.

A Tare, is a weed, that looks Identical to Wheat.

You can only tell the difference by the fruit that is produced.

“If you can't Beat 'em, Join 'em.”

Self Righteousness will send you to hell just as much as All Out Sin!

This is Satan's main tactic.

He learned the hard way is the book of Acts.

Outward persecution is a short term gain, but a longterm loss for Satan.

1st Century Christianity exploded under persecution.

In poor countries, or under totalitarian rule, does

Persecution unto death work effectively.

In affluent nations Copy and Confuse is his best option.

The more he killed and destroyed the more the gospel spread

So He fights from the inside also.

False Believers, created from False Bibles, create False Churches.

Paul saw this already beginning in his day! (Acts 20:29-32)

Our only defense is to be awake, & in the Book!

Why does God allow this? (1 Cor 11:18-19)

So the real ones will be made apparent!

So you can tell the Difference!

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That is why Jesus said, “*By their fruits, ye shall know 15. them*” (Matt 7:16, 20)

Once they grow together, you cannot pull the weed/ Tare without dislodging the wheat.

That is why, when someone gets upset and leaves a church, ask yourself.

Are they leaving over a Biblical issue?

Or are they leaving because of a personality conflict, or because they got their feelings hurt?

Do you quit your job over these issues?

Because every time someone gets mad and leaves, they always take some other family with them.

This is not Judging, for we are commanded to...

“Try the spirits”: (1 Jn 4:1-3)

RECAP: Satan’s tactic is to Counterfeit, Confuse, Corrupt.