

“THE SECRET OF A FAITH FILLED LIFE” – PART 1

SERIES: JESUS KINGDOM PARABLES (1)

MATTHEW 13:1-23

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Introduction

Our year theme is “Your Kingdom Come”.

In Matthew 6:33 Jesus said: “*Seek first the of God*”

In the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “*YOUR come*”

For us the Kingdom of God refers to God’s and

in our lives; it is the realm of the Spirit in our lives.

Jesus told parables to explain the Kingdom, stories that highlighted spiritual truths. See Matthew 13: 24, 31, 33, 44, 47 –“The Kingdom of heaven is like...”

What is a parable?

- A parable is an earthly story with a profound meaning.
- A student almost got it right when he said a parable is
“an earthly story with a meaning.”
- The word parable means to throw or cast:
Jesus places a familiar PICTURE alongside a great spiritual,
a PICTURE that opens our minds to a great Kingdom truth.
- The PICTURE become a, in which we can see
ourselves, and then a through which we can see
God and His grace.

What is the purpose of the parables?

“The disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” ” (v10)

1. Parables S..... S..... S.....

Seeds take time to grow.

2. Parables S..... S..... S.....

Jesus was revealing spiritual to particular people.

v 10: *Jesus replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven have been given to you ...”*

In the Bible, a “mystery” is the will of God that cannot be known unless He reveals it to us.

v34, 35 “... I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world”

v16,17

3. **Parables S..... S..... truth**

The paradox: parables both show and truth

v10-13: The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to YOU, but not to THEM. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand."

4. **Parables S..... the S..... of God**

Exodus 33:19 - "I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

Romans 9:15 – "For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

John 3:8 - "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

v13 – "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand."

Four principles to understand Jesus' parables

1. Understand the
2. Look for the
3. Don't make a parable stand on all four
4. What is the parable..... ..to me?

Application

Faith must be before it can be!!!

In Luke 8, which also carries the parable of the sower, one of the main lessons is "how to get faith and use it".

It is one thing to a new spiritual truth, but quite another thing to that truth.

Satan doesn't care HOW MUCH Bible truth we learn, so long as we don't