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MATTHEW – PART SIX The Parables

Lesson 6

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What is a Parable?

Take something ordinary and use it to teach a lesson

What is a Parable?

• Greek -- parabole

"To Set Beside"

"To Compare"

• Greek Rhetoric -- Compare One Thing to Another to Make a Point

Why Did Jesus Use Parables?

- We Relate To and Understand Stories
- Old Testament Prophecy

"I will open my mouth in parables"
Psalm 78:2

• A Difficult Answer:

Why Did Jesus Use Parables?

The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you but not to them... This is why I speak to them in parables: 'Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.' In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: 'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' (Isaiah 6:9-10).

Characteristics of the Kingdom

The Parable of the Sower 13:1-23

1. Path

2. Rocky Soil

3. Thorns

4. Good Soil



Millet 1850

The Parable of the Sower 13:1-23

1. Path -- Birds Eat

2. Rocky -- Sprout Fast Soil Wither

3. Thorns -- Choked

4. Good Soil -- 30 - 100x



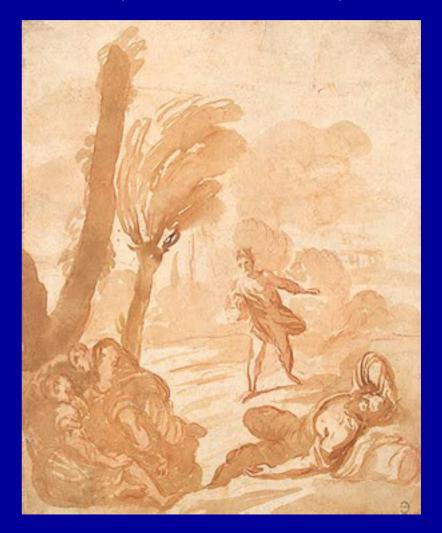
The Parable of the Sower 13:1-23

- Path -- Birds Eat
 Hear Don't Believe
- 2. Rocky -- Sprout FastSoil WitherJoy Fall Away
- 3. Thorns -- Choked Unfruitful Worries, \$
- 4. Good Soil -- 30 100x Accept, Grow, Thrive



Parable of the Weeds (13:24-30)

- Good Seed / Sleep / Weeds
- Wait to Pull
- Sower = Son of Man
- Field = World
- Enemy = Devil
- Harvest = End of Age
- Harvesters = Angels



Fetti Early 1600's

Parable of Mustard Seed (13:31-35)

- Kingdom of Heaven Like Mustard Seed
- Small to Sow -- Large to Grow



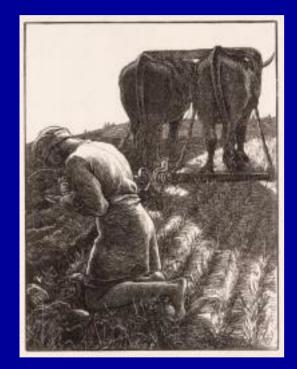
First Pres.

Boise, Idaho

Parable of Yeast

• A Little Goes a Long Way

Hidden Treasure, Pearl, Net



Millais 1864



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Parable of the Lost Sheep (18:10-14)

- Care for Children
- 99 / 100
- Greater Joy
- Children are Greatest in Kingdom



Pitt Library 1712

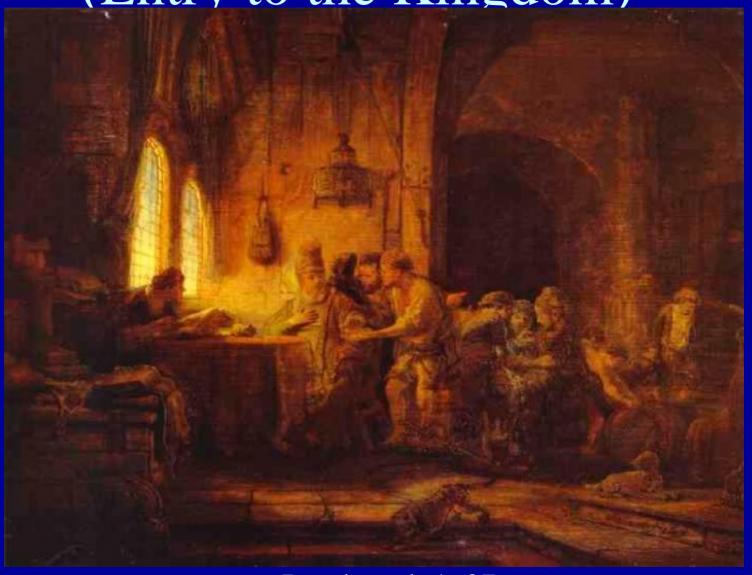
Unmerciful Servant (18:21-35)

- Ever Been Wronged?
- Millions -Forgiven
- Few Bucks -No Mercy
- Forgiveness Flows Both Ways



Drost 1655

Vineyard Workers (20:1-16) (Entry to the Kingdom)



Rembrandt 1637

3 Authority Parables

Parable of Two Sons (21:28-32)



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Parable of Two Sons (21:28-32)

NO!!!
[Then Goes]

Okay!!! [Doesn't Go]



Go to work!

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Parable of Tenants (21:33-46)

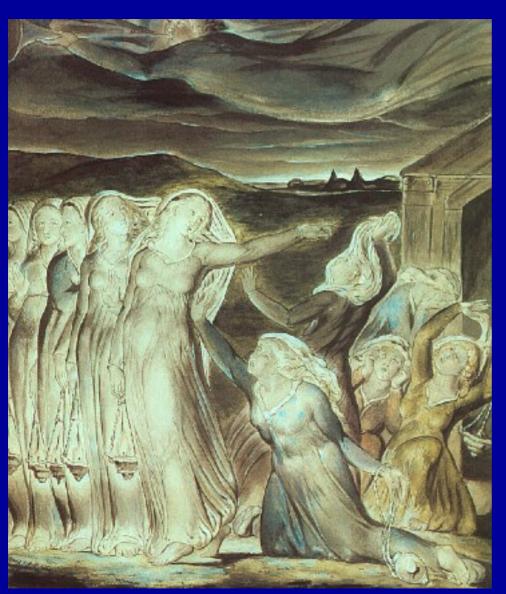
- Servants Killed
- Servants Killed
- Son Killed
- Owner Retribution
- Psalm 118:22-23 "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone."

Wedding Banquet 22:1-14



Merian the Elder 1625-30

Ten Virgins (25:1-13)



Get Ready!

William Blake 1822

Parable of Talents (25:14-30)



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Points For Home

- 1. Be Good Soil
- 2. Don't Be deceived by Riches or Worries
- 3. Watch Out For Children
- 4. Forgive
- 5. Jesus Has Authority
- 6. Be Ready; He will Return
- 7. Use Your Gifts