

Series: Kingdom Parables

Title: Receiving & Distributing

Text: (Matt 13:51-52)

**8 Total: 4 Public - From the Bow of a boat
4 Private - In the house for the Disciples**

The Sower: - Matt 13:3-23
Wheat & Tares: - Matt 13:24-43
Mustard Seed: - Matt 13:31-32
Leaven & Loaves: - Matt 13:33
The Hidden Treasure: - Matt 13:44
The Pearl of Great Price: - Matt 13:45-46
The Dragnet: - Matt 13:47-50
The Householder: - Matt 13:52

The Parables are Couplets:

Little & Large: (Vs 31-32) - **Leaven & Loaves:** (33)
Hidden Treasure: (Vs 44-46)- **Pearl of Great Price:**
Wheat & Tares: Vs 24-30 - **Dragnet:** (Vs 47-50)

Today's Parable Couplet

Sowing Seed (Vs 3-23) - **Householder** (Vs 51-52)

Parable~ Comparison (ie. to lay along side)
Earthly story with a Heavenly Meaning:

(Vs 11) Parables Explain the Mysteries of God.
Sacred Secrets of The Master's Mysteries

What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

This is not the Millennial Kingdom, or the Church.
The Domain of the King of Heaven in the hearts of believers.

Why Use Parables? (Vs. 12-15)

Jesus teaches, Satan's Opposition to the Kingdom

1st: Parable of the Sower, dealing with the Individual
He Snatches away, Starves, & Smothers the seeds.

2nd: In the Parable of the Wheat & Tares: (Vs 24-30)
Satan creates Counterfeits to Hinder the Kingdom.

3rd: The Parable of the Mustard Seed: (Vs 31-32)
God's Kingdom power is unstoppable, but Satan's emissaries are attracted to it like birds.

4th: Parable of the Leaven: (Matt 13:33)
Satan Hinders the Kingdom with False Doctrine.

**If you are Lost, or unsure if you are Truly Saved:
Focus on the Message & Call on Christ to Save You!**

The Temptation is to ignore it or put it off til later:
Don't Put it off, Repent Now, Call out to Him Now!
Believe on Jesus Now! (2 Cor 6:2)

If you are saved, but you are just overwhelmed with life: Obey, Be Faithful, Give Praise: (Heb 10:25) (Eph 6:16)

If you have been hurt by one of Satan's Copies

Recognize Whose they came from.

Recognize Why they hurt you.

Remember, they are not your enemy; Satan is.

Forgive them and Pray for them.

1. Following His explanation of “The Parable Of The Dragnet” (Mt 13:47-50), we find Jesus asking His disciples:

“Have you understood all these things?” (Mt 13:51)

2. This question likely relates not just to the preceding parable, but to all of those recorded in this chapter:

a. The Sower - Mt 13:3-9,18-23

b. The Wheat & The Tares: - Mt 13:24-30,36-43

c. The Mustard Seed - Mt 13:31-32

d. The Leaven - Mt 13:33

e. The Hidden Treasure - Mt 13:44

f. The Pearl Of Great Price - Mt 13:45-46

g. The Parable Of The Dragnet - Mt 13:47-50

All of these Parables reveal truths related to *“the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven”* - Mt 13:11

3. When His disciples answer in the affirmative, Jesus tells yet another parable...

a. *“The Parable Of The Householder”* - Mt 13:52

b. This parable, however, is describing not so much the kingdom of heaven itself, but those who have been instructed concerning the kingdom

I. THE PARABLE ITSELF

A. Jesus Is Making A Point About A “SCRIBE”

1. *“Therefore every scribe instructed about the kingdom of heaven...”*

2. A Scribe was a “Person trained in writing skills and used to record events & decisions (Jer 36:26; 1 Chr 24:6; Est 3:12).

During the Exile in Babylon educated scribes apparently became the experts in God’s written word, copying, preserving, and teaching it.

Ezra was a scribe in this sense of expert in teaching God’s word (Neh 8:1-8).

By New Testament times, The scribes developed into A professional group, most being Pharisees (Mk 2:16

They interpreted the law, taught it to disciples, and were experts in cases where people were accused of breaking the law of Moses.

They also led in plans to kill Jesus (Lk19:47) and heard His stern rebuke (Mt 23).”

3. They were more than simply copyists, but students and instructors as well.
4. It would be assumed, therefore, that a scribe would be expected to understand the finer points of the Law of Moses

B. A SCRIBE “INSTRUCTED CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN...”

1. Jesus’ point is not about a normal scribe, who would understand only the Law
2. But a scribe who would be instructed about the kingdom of heaven (via the parables)

C. A SCRIBE “IS LIKE A HOUSEHOLDER”

1. A householder with “treasure”, something of great value.
2. Treasure that is both “new” and “old”
 - 1) The “old” treasure would be his understanding of the Law
 - 2) The “new” treasure would be his understanding of the kingdom of heaven

[The parable and its explanation appear simple enough to understand. But there are also implications from the parable that are worthy of careful consideration...]

II. INTERESTING COMPARISONS:

Both are dealing with the Treatment of God’s Word. Neither are mentioned as similar to the Kingdom of Heave, but both are connected to the Kingdom.

1st: The Word of God is Received & bears fruit.
8th: The Word of God is Imparted to Others.

1st: The Word of God is Received in the Heart.
8th: The Word of God is Distributed out to others.

1st: Fruit is Born for God.
8th: Good for Men.

1st: The Sower Represents an Evangelist.
8th: The Scribe it s a Teacher.

1st: Deals with the Understanding the Mysteries of the Kingdom.
8th: Deals with what to do with the Mysteries of the Kingdom.

II. IMPLICATIONS FROM THE PARABLE

A. EVERY DISCIPLE IS LIKE A SCRIBE...

“Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven”

1. This implication is a fair one to make

- a. ***Because*** the parable was told in response to a question asked of His disciples.
- b. ***Because His disciples...***
 - 1) ...had been told that only by understanding the Word can one bear good fruit - Mt 13:23
 - 2) ...had been asked whether they “understood all these things?” - Mt 13:5
- c. Understanding God’s Word was a fundamental aspect of being a scribe!

2. Elsewhere Jesus makes it clear that His disciples must be like scribes

- a. The very word “disciple” means a “learner”, which requires one to be like a scribe
- b. In the Great Commission...
 - 1) Jesus told His apostles *“teach all nations”* i.e. “make disciples” (i.e., learners) - Mt 28:19
 - 2) His disciples would then be “taught” all that Christ commanded - Mt 28:20

B. EVERY DISCIPLE IS A LIKE HOUSEHOLDER WITH TREASURE to be Distributed to Others!

(Rom 1:16-17) *“From Faith to Faith”*

1. That treasure is the Word of God, which even with the partial revelation of the Old Testament was...
 - a. “More to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold” - cf. Ps 19:7-11
 - b. Better than silver, fine gold, and rubies; and “all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.” - cf. Pr 3:13-18
2. The value of that treasure is enhanced with the full and final revelation of God’s Will through His Son Jesus Christ - cf. (Col 2:2-3)

C. EVERY DISCIPLE HAS BOTH OLD & NEW TREASURE (Give it All Out!)

1. Not just the new treasure, but the old as well
2. Some Christians may downplay the importance of the Old Testament, but we shouldn’t!
 - a. It was written for our learning, to provide patience, comfort and hope - Ro 15:4
 - b. Written for our admonition: 1 Co 10:11
3. Dare we throw away old treasure, just because we have been blessed to receive new?

a. That which is “old” can help us appreciate more fully that which is “new”!

b. It can help make us “*wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ*” (2 Ti 3:14-15)

c. As “scripture” is inspired of God, it is still profitable - (2 Ti 3:16-17)

4. Of course, we must Study to “*rightly divide*” the Word of Truth - (2 Ti 2:15)

a. By observing the distinction between the Old and New Covenants - cf. He 8:6-13

b. By remembering that it is the fuller revelation provided by the New that helps to explain the “mystery” of the Old.
(Lk 24:25-27,44-47)

1) It was not until Jesus fulfilled & then explained Old Testament prophecies that His disciples were able to understand

2) So we should not seek to understand the New in light of the Old, but the Old in light of the New!

Study so we can give an answer! (1 Pet 3:15)

CONCLUSION

1. The main point I wish to stress is that as disciples of Jesus we have been richly blessed!

a. Jesus said it was because we have been blessed to see and hear things others did not. (Mt 13:16-17)

b. When we understand the parables and His other teachings concerning the kingdom of heaven, as well as the Old Testament, then we have treasure added upon treasure !

2. But we must be like the scribes of old to enjoy these treasures...

a. Emulating especially the example of Ezra - (Ezr 7:10) *For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.*

b. Preparing our hearts to seek the Word, to do it, and then to teach it

3. Do we appreciate the great treasure we have available to us?

a. Do we appreciate its greatness because it alone points us...

1) To Him who is the center and theme of its revelation, Jesus Christ?

2) And to His kingdom that is everlasting?

b. Or are we like so many, who forsake this great treasure for that which is temporary, and does not really satisfy?

Don't allow the distractions of this world to cause the "treasures" to slip through your fingers!

Hide it in your heart so you can distribute it to others!

Are you His Disciple?

Is your heart open & Fertile to the Word of God?

Are you growing in the Word?

(2 Pet 3:18) But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Is the Word of God bearing fruit in your life?

Who are you imparting the Truth too?

What Truths are you teaching verbally?

What Truths are you teaching by example?

Can you see the fruit in the lives of those you are imparting it too?