

Parables of the Kingdom

The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables. Mark 4:11

- One of the ways Jesus used to teach was to tell parables. What is a parable?

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- Which kind of truths did Jesus teach in His parables? (Circle correct answer)

- (a) the simplest truths so that everyone could understand them.
- (b) complicated truths so that only the educated could understand them.
- (c) deep truths so that those who were given insight, could understand them.

- What can we learn by studying the parables?

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Read the parable of the wedding of the king's son in Matthew 22:2-10.

In the story, there were two groups of people invited to the wedding.

- which group of people did the first guests represent?
- which group of people were next invited to the "wedding"?
- Christ is pictured as the bridegroom in this wedding. Who is the bride?

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- To be invited to this wedding, we must wear a symbolic wedding garment. What does this robe or garment represent?

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Read the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-29.

- What did the first servant do with the 5 talents he was given?

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- What did the second servant do with the 2 talents he was given?

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- What did the third servant do with the 1 talent he was given?

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- Which servants earned the master's praise?
- Which servant earned the master's anger?
- Why was the master angry?

What lesson should we learn from the story (parable) of the talents?

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