

“Without A Parable, He Told Them Nothing” (Matthew 13:34)

I. Introduction

- a. A quick review and comment on our lesson of 9/9/20
 - (i) Repent
 - (ii) The Kingdom of God

II. Some Biblical Background

- a. Psalm 78:1-7
- b. Psalm 25:14
- c. Amos 3:7
- d. John 15:15
- e. John 7:17

III. What is a Parable?

- a. They are a short narrative story, with at least two levels of meaning. They illustrate a truth using comparison. They can provide a model, analogy, or example, in order to provide an explanation. They can be described as a model, pointing beyond itself for later realization.
- b. They are the teaching method Jesus chose most in explaining the Kingdom of God.
- c. They demand interpretation and elicit thought (22 of Jesus' parables begin with a question)

IV. Jesus and Parables

- a. Matthew 13:10-17 (with parallels in Mark 4:10-12; Luke 8:9-10)
- b. Isaiah 6:9-10

- V. Next week**, we continue our discussion of the parables of Jesus, to prepare, please review: Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 15:1-7; and Luke 12:35-40