

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JULY 7, 2018

WHY JESUS USED PARABLES

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-17.

Golden Text: Matthew 13:35.

1. How did Jesus speak to the multitude? Matthew 13:1-3.
2. What did the disciples ask Jesus? Matthew 13:10.
3. What was his answer? Matthew 13:11-15.
4. Did Jesus speak anything to the multitude except by parables? Matthew 13:34-35.
5. Did the disciples understand the parable? Matthew 13:36.
6. What was one purpose of the parables? Mark 4:1-2.
7. Were parables used in the Old Testament? Psalm 78:1-3; Ezekiel 17:1-2.
8. Was Jesus misunderstood in other things that he taught? John 3:1-4.
9. In Mark 4:11 to whom does the second them refer? Romans 11:7-11.
10. When shall Israel understand the parables? Romans 11:25.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JULY 14, 2018

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:1-18.

Golden Text: Mark 4:24.

1. When the sower went forth to sow, the seed fell in different places.
 1. Matthew 13:4; Luke 8:5.
 2. Matthew 13:5-6; Luke 8:6.
 3. Matthew 13:7; Luke 8:7.
 4. Matthew 13:8; Luke 8:8.

2. Did the disciples understand this parable? Matthew 13:8-9; Luke 8:9.

3. What was the seed in the parable? Luke 8:11.

4. Did Jesus explain the meaning of the sowed seed?

1. Matthew 13:19; Luke 8:12.

2. Matthew 13:20-21; Luke 8:13.

3. Matthew 13:22; Luke 8:14.

4. Matthew 13:23; Luke 8:15.

5. How does this apply to us, and what does it mean? Luke 8:16.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JULY 21, 2018

PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-32.

Golden Text: Luke 15:24.

1. For what did the younger son ask? Luke 15:11-12.

2. What did he do with his portion? Luke 15:13-14.

3. How did he survive, and to what extent was he degraded? Luke 15:15-16.

4. What did he finally realize? Luke 15:17-18.

5. Could this happen to any of us? 1 Peter 5:8-9.

6. What important thing did he do? Luke 15:18-19.

7. Did his father have compassion for him? Luke 15:20-21.

8. Does our Heavenly Father have compassion? John 3:16-17.

9. Why was the father happy to see his young son? Luke 15:24.

10. How did his older son feel? Luke 15:25-28.

11. What was the father's reply? Luke 15:31-32.

12. What would we do if we were in the same situation as the prodigal son?

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JULY 28, 2018

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30.

Golden Text: Luke 19:17.

1. To what is the kingdom of heaven compared? Matthew 25:14-15; Luke 19:12.
2. Who does this man represent? Mark 14:62; John 14:1-3.
3. What was given to the servants? Matthew 25:15.
4. What did some do with their talents? Matthew 25:16-17.
5. What did the other servant do? Matthew 25:18; Luke 19:20.
6. What was the reward of those who used their talents wisely? Matthew 25:20-23.
7. What happened to the one who hid his talent? Matthew 25:24-30; Luke 19:20-23.
8. What does this suggest? Matthew 5:15; Luke 11:33.
9. What did Jesus tell the church of the Laodiceans? Revelation 3:14-16.
10. What are we warned about and admonished to do? Matthew 24:42-51.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, AUGUST 4, 2018

HUMILITY

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:7-14.

Golden Text: Luke 14:10.

1. What happens when one thinks too much of himself? Luke 14:7-9; Proverbs 29:23.
2. What should our behaviour be? Luke 14:10; Proverbs 25:6-7.
3. Why is humility important? Luke 14:11.
4. Is there a reward for being humble? James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5.

5. What does humility come before? Proverbs 18:12.
6. What else does humility bring? Proverbs 22:4.
7. What does Luke 14:12-14 mean to us?
8. How does James explain humility? James 2:1-3.
9. What does this make us become? James 2:4.
10. Are we striving for this type of humility?
11. What does Paul tell us to do in Colossians? Colossians 3:12-14.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, AUGUST 11, 2018

PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-21.

Golden Text: Matthew 17:20.

1. To what did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven? Matthew 13:31; Mark 4:30, 31.
2. What is significant about the mustard seed? Matthew 13:32; Mark 4:31-32.
3. What did Jesus say about the faith of the disciples? Matthew 17:20; Luke 17:6.
4. Can we compare ourselves to the mustard seed? 2 Thessalonians 1:3.
5. How much faith did the disciples have? Matthew 8:26; 6:30.
6. What as seeds are we told to do? 1 Peter 2:1-2.
7. How else are we to grow? 2 Peter 3:18.
8. What is necessary to make a seed grow? Isaiah 55:10-11.
9. As we grow, what must we do? Proverbs 11:25.
10. What happens when this mustard seed is grown? Matthew 13:32.
11. Of what must we be aware? 2 Peter 3:17.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, AUGUST 18, 2018

PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1-14.

Golden Text: Matthew 22:14.

1. What did Jesus say the kingdom of God is like in this parable? Matthew 22:1-2.
2. To what is this compared? Revelation 19:7-9.
3. What did the king do? Matthew 22:3; Luke 14:16-17.
4. What did those who were asked say? Matthew 22:4-5; Luke 14:18-20.
5. Will excuses be acceptable for the wedding supper of Jesus? Matthew 22:7.
6. What will happen to those who made excuses? Luke 14:24.
7. Could this parable refer to Jews and Gentiles? Acts 13:46.
8. What were the servants told to do? Matthew 22:9-10; Luke 14:21-22.
9. What will happen to those who are not dressed properly? Matthew 22:10-13.
10. What is the proper attire? Colossians 3:12-14.
11. Of what must we be aware? Matthew 22:14; 20:16.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, AUGUST 25, 2018

PARABLE OF THE VIRGINS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13.

Golden Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:6.

1. Unto what is the kingdom of heaven likened? Matthew 25:1.
2. How many were wise, and how many were foolish? Matthew 25:2.
3. Why were the five foolish? Matthew 25:3; Proverbs 6:23.
4. What did the wise do? Matthew 25:4; Luke 12:35-36.

5. What does oil do for lamps? Exodus 35:8
6. What does light represent? John 9:5.
7. What happened when the cry was made at midnight? Matthew 25:6-8.
8. Why were not the wise willing to part with their oil? Matthew 25:9.
9. Does this parable suggest anything to us? 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6.
10. What happened to those who were not ready? Matthew 25:10-12.
11. For what must we always be on guard? Matthew 25:13; Revelation 16:5; 1 Peter 5:8.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

SALT

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:4-22.

Golden Text: Luke 14:34.

1. How committed should one be to Jesus? Luke 14:26-27.
2. What is said of salt that has lost its savour? Luke 14:34-35; Mark 9:50.
3. What is the church of Laodicea told? Revelation 3:14-15.
4. What will Jesus do with this lukewarm church? Revelation 3:16.
5. Why do some people feel this way? Revelation 3:17.
6. Who does Jesus say is salt? Matthew 5:13.
7. What does Jesus say his people are? Matthew 5:14; Philippians 2:15.
8. What are his people told not to do? Matthew 5:15-16.
9. How does one keep his savour? John 12:35-36.
10. What is said to them on holding close to their savour? Revelation 3:21-22; Mark 9:50.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37.

Golden Text: Luke 10:27.

1. What happened to the man that was going to Jericho? Luke 10:30.
2. What did the priest and Levite do when they passed him? Luke 10:30-32.
3. Why was this lawyer being told this parable? Luke 10:29; Luke 16:15.
4. After reading the parable, what conclusion can we draw as to who our neighbor is?
5. How should one feel about his enemies? Luke 6:27.
6. How should one treat his enemies? Proverbs 25:21; Romans 12:20-21.
7. How did the Samaritan treat the stranger? Luke 10:33-36.
8. What was the lawyer quoting in Luke 10:27-29? Matthew 22:37-40.
9. What was the lawyer's answer to the parable? Luke 10:37.
10. What is one of the many reasons for Luke 10:37? 1 Timothy 2:1-4.
11. Would you and I do what this Samaritan did?

LESSON FOR SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-34.

Golden Text: Matthew 6:20.

1. About what did Jesus warn? Luke 12:15; Hebrews 13:5.
2. How were things going with this rich man? Luke 12:17.
3. Was he satisfied with what he had? Luke 12: 17-18.
4. What does Jesus say about laying up treasures? Matthew 6:19-20; Proverbs 23:4.
5. What happens when worldly things become too important? Matthew 6:21.

6. What is another way this can be said? Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13.
7. Why was this rich man foolish? Luke 12:20; Psalm 39:6.
8. What may we do if we are not satisfied? Exodus 20:17.
9. What should we covet? 1 Corinthians 12:31.
10. What are these gifts? Galatians 5:22-26.

LESSON FOR SABBATH SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:23-35.

Golden Text: Mark 11:26.

1. How large of a sum did the servant owe the king? Matthew 18:23-24.
2. What did the lord decide when the servant could not pay? Matthew 18:25
3. What happened with the servant's pleading? Matthew 18:26-27
4. How did the servant treat a fellow servant? Matthew 18:28-31.
5. How should we behave? Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4.
6. How often are we to be forgiving of others? Matthew 18:21-22 Luke 17:3-4.
7. How are we to govern ourselves? Luke 6:27-28.
8. When the fellow servant told the lord how the servant treated his peer, what did the lord say? Matthew 18:32-33.
9. Was the Lord upset? Matthew 18:34,35
10. What happens if one does not forgive? Mark 11:25,26
11. How does Paul say this in Ephesians 4:32?

LESSON FOR SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31.
Golden Text: Luke 16:31.

1. How was the rich man dressed? Luke 16:19.
2. With what was the beggar covered? Luke 16:20.
3. Who does the rich man represent? Acts 13:45-46.
4. Who does Lazarus represent? Ephesians 2:11-13.
5. What may the sores on Lazarus mean? Isaiah 1:4-6.
6. With what did Lazarus ask to be fed? Luke 16:21; Matthew 15:25-27.
7. What does Jesus say bread represents? John 6:35,41.
8. What happened to the rich man when he died? Luke 16:22-23.
9. How might Israel be tormented now? Romans 11:7,25; John 12:40.
10. What else happened to Israel? Ezekiel 36:19-20; 22:15.
11. Will the torment end? Ezekiel 36:21-24.
12. When will the blindness be removed? Romans 11:25-26.