



## DEFINITION OF PARABLES PART 2

### 1. Definition

- Here are some definitions of the parables of Christ

### 2. Definitions

- **THE PARABLE OF THE IMPORTUNATE WIDOW**
  - Luke 18:1-8
  - We ought always to pray and not grow weary.
  - God answers prayer according to his timetable and his will.
  - We must increase our faith daily so that we will be prepared when Jesus comes again.
  - Ps. 55:16-17
- **THE PARABLE OF THE CHIEF SEATS**
  - Luke 14:7-14
  - Jesus stated the lesson of the parable. "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:11).
  - Our humility and love for others are demonstrated by deeds for which we do not expect to be repaid.
- **THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN**
  - Luke 18:9-14
  - Jesus stated the lesson of the parable. "...every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:14).
  - Those who are humble, asking for God's mercy, will be justified, but those who are self-righteous, confessing nothing and asking for nothing, God will resist.
- **THE PARABLES OF THE RASH BUILDER - THE KING AT WAR**
  - Luke 14:25-35
  - Discipleship involves total commitment—only those totally committed to Jesus can be his disciples.
  - Jesus told his listeners the cost of this discipleship. "...whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33).

- **THE PARABLE OF THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS**
  - Luke 17:5-10
  - We are the servants of God. The faithful servant obeys the commands of his master.
  - We cannot earn our salvation; it is the gift of God.
  - Psalm 100:3
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER**
  - Luke 14:15-24
  - God has extended his invitation to come and partake of his kingdom. Those who make excuses or delay will lose their place.
  - We should not delay because of the love of possessions, the affairs of business, or social obligations. These become stumbling blocks when they interfere with our service to Christ and his church.
  - There is room in the kingdom.
  - Matt. 11:28-30
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE MARRIAGE OF THE KING'S SON**
  - Matt. 22:1-14
  - Many are called by the gospel but few are chosen.
  - The Jews were called by God to be his chosen people, but when they rejected his Son, their city and nation were destroyed.
  - Those who are called to the kingdom must put on Christ and clothe themselves in garments of righteousness.
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP**
  - Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:3-7
  - Jesus is the good shepherd who seeks and saves the lost (John 10:1-18; Matt. 18:11; Luke 19:10).
  - There is constant joy in heaven over the many who are righteous and faithful, but when one sinner repents, there is sudden and great rejoicing over this lost one who enters the fold of God.
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN**
  - Luke 15:8-10
  - As the woman searched carefully for her coin, so Christians must diligently seek the lost and preach the gospel in order to save sinners.
  - Christians must be careful they do not cause others to stumble and sin.
  - There is great joy and rejoicing by the angels over one sinner who repents.
  - Luke 17:1-2

- **THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON**
  - Luke 15:11-32
  - God is loving and forgiving, waiting and watching for sinners to repent and come to him.
  - There is great joy and celebration in heaven when one sinner repents.
  - Christians must be forgiving, too, accepting those who repent and rejoicing in their salvation.
  - Luke 15:31-32
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE BARREN FIG TREE**
  - Luke 13:6-9
  - To be disciples of Jesus, we must bear fruit.
  - God is merciful and patient, not willing that any perish, but that all come to repentance.
  - When God's patience is exhausted and the time for man's repentance has ended, judgment will occur.
  - First-ripe and Second Figs
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS**
  - Matt. 21:23-32
  - James gives a brief but pointed lesson for the parable of the two sons. "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..." (Jas. 1:22).
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL**
  - Luke 12:13-21
  - Covetousness is idolatry (Col. 3:5).
  - We need to prepare for the future by storing our treasures in heaven, not on earth
  - (Matt. 6:19-21).
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE WATCHFUL SERVANTS**
  - Luke 12:35-40
  - The primary application of the parable is the second coming of Jesus. We must be prepared for no man knows the hour of Jesus' return.
  - There is a secondary principle which applies to every individual. We must be prepared for no one knows when death will come.
  - Luke 12:37, 40
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE UNJUST STEWARD**
  - Luke 16:1-9
  - We are the stewards of God's creation.
  - We must prepare for the future by using our worldly possessions wisely in order that we will be received into heaven by God and entrusted with the true riches.
  - Luke 16:13

- **THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS**
  - Matt. 25:1-13
  - We do not know when Christ will come again.
  - We must watch and be prepared which is the responsibility of each individual.
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE POUNDS**
  - Luke 19:11-27
  - Jesus has given each of his follower's gifts and opportunities to perform service in his absence.
  - Each is responsible for what has been entrusted to him.
  - Those who are industrious and use what has been entrusted to them to the best of their ability will be rewarded according to their efforts. Those who do not use their trust and perform their tasks shall lose all.
  
- **THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS**
  - Matt. 25:14-30
  - Jesus has given each of his follower's gifts and opportunities to be used in the service of the kingdom.
  - The gifts have been bestowed in proportion to the ability of the individual believer, and the amount of service required is according to that ability. To whom much is given much is required (Luke 12:48).
  - Opportunities + Abilities = Responsibility
  - Those who faithfully use their abilities will enter into the joy of the Lord.
  - Luke 12:48

### 3. Summary

## Jesus spoke in parables