

INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL
STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW
Text: Matthew 13:24-30
Subject: The Parables taught by the Lord Jesus

15 OCTOBER 2023

INTRODUCTION

1. Review the Parables of the Lord Jesus

a) Parable of the Sower	Matthew 13:1-23
b) Parable of the Tares	Matthew 13:24-30
c) Parable of the Mustard Seed	Matthew 13:31-32
d) Parable of the Tares explained	Matthew 13:34-43
e) Parable of the Leaven	Matthew 13:33
f) Parable of the Hidden Treasure	Matthew 13:44
g) Parable of the Pearl of Great Price	Matthew 13:45-46

2. Long Parables

- a) The Sower
- b) The Tares

3. Short Parables

a) Parable of the Mustard Seed	Matthew 13:31-32
b) Parable of the Leaven	Matthew 13:33
c) Parable of the Hidden Treasure	Matthew 13:44
c) Parable of the Pearl of Great Price	Matthew 13:45-46

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SHORT PARABLES

- 1. It is of illustrative value
- 2. It is easier to remember
- 3. It is very striking

THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

1. The Potential of the Mustard seed
 - a) It is all within the mustard seed
 - b) It has potential for tremendous growth
2. This must be in our heart and mind
 - a) The power of the kingdom of God
 - b) The potential for growth is inspiring

THE PARABLE OF THE LEAVEN

1. The Pervasive nature of the Leaven
 - a) It may be small
 - b) It has potential to affect every part of life meaningfully
2. This must be in our heart and mind
 - a) The power of the Kingdom of God
 - b) Let the power of the Kingdom pervade every aspect of life positively

THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

1. The Kingdom of God is a great treasure
 - a) Its worth is unknown
 - b) It is not fully valued
2. The Treasure
 - a) It must be obtained
 - b) It can enrich our lives significantly

THE PARABLE OF THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

1. Pearls are to be greatly prized (but under-appreciated by the ignorant)
2. The wise person is prepared to sell all he has to own this rare Pearl

THE LESSONS FOR US TO CONSIDER

Let us be challenged to consider the glorious nature of the Kingdom of God

1. The Power of the Kingdom
2. The Potential of the Kingdom
3. The Value of the Kingdom of God
4. The Significance of the Word of God