

“The Parables of Jesus: Value of Church & Preparation”

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Introduction

1. The parables within this study will concern the immense value of the Lord’s Church and the preparation needed in order to enter it.
2. May we, as a result of this study, appreciate the worth of the kingdom of God, and our need to ready ourselves for it.

Discussion

I. *The Parable of the Hidden Treasure* (Matthew 13:44)

A. To what did Jesus compare the kingdom of God in this parable?

B. What did the man do when he found the treasure?

C. What did this man sell in order to purchase the field?

D. What lesson is there to be learned from this parable?

II. *The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price* (Matthew 13:45-46)

A. Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a man who was seeking what?

B. How many pearls of great price did this man locate?

C. What did this man do in order to purchase the pearl?

D. What lesson is there to be learned from this parable?

III. *The Parable of the Marriage of the King's Son (Matthew 22:1-14)*

- A. What was the kingdom of Heaven likened to in this parable?

- B. What reaction was there to the initial invitation of the king to the wedding?

- C. What did the remaining invitees do the king's servants?

- D. How did the king react to the news about his servants?

- E. With what type of guests was the wedding furnished?

- F. When the king arrived to the wedding, what did he first notice?

- G. What question did the king ask this man?

- H. What was the king's instruction regarding this particular wedding guest?

- I. The parable ends saying "For _____ are _____, but _____
are _____."
- J. What lesson is there to be learned from this parable?

IV. *The Parable of Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)*

- A. To what was the kingdom of Heaven likened in this parable?

- B. What made the foolish virgins foolish, and the wise virgins wise?

- C. What cry was made at midnight?

- D. What request did the foolish virgins make of the wise?

- E. What answer did the wise virgins give the foolish?

- F. What happened when the foolish virgins left to purchase more oil?
(Hint: Look at the last four words of **verse 10**)

- G. What response did the Lord have for the foolish virgins as they knocked on the door?

- H. The parable ends by saying “_____ therefore; for ye know netierh the _____ nor the _____ wherein the Son of man _____.”
- I. What lesson is there to learn from this parable?

Conclusion

1. May we completely and wholly comprehend the enormous worth of the Lord’s Church.
2. Further, may we prepare ourselves in such a way that we will be ready when the Lord comes again!