

Bible Parables Made Simple

Step-by-step instructions that anyone can follow.



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Foreword

This book is designed to “continue” where my first book “Bible *Parables* Made *Simple* Vol 1” left off. Now that you have an understanding of **How** to study the Bible and how the Bible explains and interprets itself, we can focus on various parts of the Bible. This book will continue our focus on the “**Parables**” of Jesus.

It is very important to understand the “**Parables**” because they contain the “Doctrines” and “Truths” that Jesus felt were the **most important** for us to understand.

As we study the “**Parables**” and discover their Doctrines and Truths, remember they are **not** the teachings of any church, but rather the teachings of Jesus Himself!

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P.S.

If you will read the Parables that are in this book in the order that they are presented instead of skipping around, you will see the continuity of the teachings of Jesus far better.

WHY DID JESUS SPEAK IN PARABLES?

Mark 4:2 “And **He taught them** many things by **Parables**, and said unto them in His **doctrine**.”

Matt.13:10 “And the disciples came and said unto Him, **Why speakest thou** unto them in **parables**”?

11 “He answered and said unto them, **Because** it is given unto **you to know the mysteries** of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.”

Conclusion:

Jesus spoke in **parables** to teach “**doctrine**” to His followers and to teach the “**mysteries**” of the kingdom of heaven that had been **kept secret** from the foundation of the world”. Matt.13:35

HOW DID JESUS “OPEN THE UNDERSTANDING” OF PARABLES TO HIS DISCIPLES?

Mark 4:10 “And when He was alone, they that were about Him with the twelve asked of Him the parable.”

Mark 4:13 “And He said into them, know ye not **this parable**? And how then will ye know **all parables**?”

The disciples did **not understand** the “Parable of the Sower” that Jesus gave in Mark 4:3-8. Jesus told them that **if** they could understand **that parable**, then they could understand **all parables**. Then, Jesus proceeded to show them **how** to understand the parable (Mark 4:14-20) so that they **could understand all parables**.

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER (EXPLAINED BY JESUS)

Luke 8:5 “A sower went out to sow his seed:”

Luke 8:11 “Now the parable is this:
“The **seed** is the **Word** of God.”

Mark 4:14 “The sower soweth the Word.”

Luke 8:5 “And as he sowed, some (seed) fell by the wayside”:

Luke 8:12 “Those by the wayside are they that hear”;

Mark 4:15 “And these are they by the wayside, where the word is sown”:

Mark 4:15 “but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the Word that was sown in their hearts”.

Matt.13:19 “When anyone heareth the Word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the wayside.”

Conclusions:

1. The **seed** represents the **Word** of God (Bible)
2. The sower represents someone teaching the Word (Bible)
3. Those by the wayside represent those that hear the Word (Bible) but don't understand it.
4. The word (Bible) was “sown” in their hearts.
5. The devil takes away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Jesus “**opened the understanding**” of the parable to his disciples, by applying a **Spiritual** meaning to each of the **real objects** in the parable. Since Jesus implied that **if** you can understand this parable, you can understand **all parables**, He was teaching the principles for understanding **all parables**.

THE PRINCIPLES FOR UNDERSTANDING ALL PARABLES AS TAUGHT BY JESUS:

The method Jesus used to interpret the deeper meaning of the parables is clearly shown in the Bible. Jesus used **real objects** to represent Spiritual things.

(Luke 8:5, 11; Mark 4:14)

Therefore, in order for us to understand a parable, the following **Steps** that **Jesus gave us** as an example must be used:

1. Determine the **real objects** in the parables of Jesus.

2. Search the scriptures (O.T and N.T) to determine the Spiritual meaning of each **real object**.

In order to be able to find the scriptures needed to **compare** with **other scriptures**, it is very helpful to use a “**Concordance**” such as “**Strongs Concordance**,” which lists every word that is in the King James Bible and therefore allows you to find any scripture desired.

3. Apply the **Spiritual meaning** of each **real object** to the parable by **substituting** the Spiritual meaning of each real object back into the parable.

4. Re-read and re-write the parable, **substituting** the **Spiritual meaning** of each **real object** and you will see the **deeper meaning** of the parable.

These simple rules will become clear as you see them applied as we study the Parables of Jesus.

The Parable of:

The

“Salt Of The Earth”

(The Importance of the 10 Commandments)

The Parable of:

“The Salt Of The Earth ”

(Matt. 5:13)

13 “Ye are the **salt** of the earth: but if the salt have lost his **savour**, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”

In order to determine the (Spiritual) meaning of this parable we will have to “Compare Scripture with Scripture” to determine the (Spiritual) meaning of the real objects (salt).

(Spiritual)

Matt. 5:13

SALT = Gods’ People

13 Ye are the **salt** of the earth

(Spiritual)

Leviticus 2:13

SALT = Gods’ Covenant

13...neither shalt thou suffer the **salt** of the **Covenant** of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offerings with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

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OR

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(Spiritual)

Deu. 4:13

SALT = God’s LAW

13 And He declared unto you **His Covenant**, which He commanded you to perform, even **Ten commandments**; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone.

(Ten Commandments)

So, the Bible says that “**Salt**” represents both God’s **People** and God’s **Covenant** or **Law**.

The *character* of **salt** is shown by its “**savour**”.
 Similarly, the *character* of **God** is shown by His **Law**.

God is	The Law is	God	Law
Love	Love	I John 4:8	Rom.13:10
Eternal	Eternal	Gen. 21:33	Ps. 111:7,8
Unchangeable	Unchangeable	James 1:17	Matt. 5:18
Faithful	Faithful	I Cor.1:9	Ps. 119:86
Righteous	Righteous	Jer. 23:6	Ps.119:172
Spiritual	Spiritual	I Cor.10:4	Rom. 7:14
True	True	John 3:33	Ps. 19:9
Just	Just	Deut.32:4	Rom. 7:12
Pure	Pure	I John 3:3	Ps. 19:8
Perfect	Perfect	Matt. 5:48	Ps. 19:7
Holy	Holy	Isa 5:16	Rom. 7:12
Good	Good	Luke 18:19	I Tim.I:5

Thus, when the Bible says that “salt” represents God’s **Law**, it is saying that “salt” represents God’s **character**.
 Similarly, when the Bible says that “salt” represents God’s **people**, it is saying that “salt” represents the **character** of God’s **people**.

In the parable the salt had lost its “savour” or lost its “character”. Since salt represents God’s people (ye are the salt), then the parable is saying that Christians can **lose** their “character” just like salt can. Since God’s Law represents God’s “character”, when Christians **stop** obeying God’s **Law**, they **stop** representing God’s “**character**”! They no longer should be called “**Christ**”ians because they do **not** represent the “character” of **Christ**. They have lost their “savour”!

Now, let's see what the word "**Savour**" means "literally" by looking it up in the Greek Dictionary in Strong's Concordance.

Savour

but if the salt have lost his **savour**...Matt. 5:13....#3471
#3471 μωραίνω mōrainō
from #3474; to become **insipid**,....lose savour

insipid

1. Without taste or savor, ...applies not only to **food** or drink but to **persons**, works of art, and the like, which are thin, **weak**, and **characterless**.

Thus, the meaning of the "lost **savour**" when used to describe the salt, means to "become *insipid*" which means to be "**weak** and **characterless**" and applies the meaning to both **food** and **persons**.

Now, let's compare Scripture to learn more about the word "**savour**"

Eph. 5: 1-2

1 Be ye therefore followers of God. As dear children;
2 And walk in love, as **Christ** also hath loved us, and hath given **Himself** for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a **sweet-smelling savour**.

2Cor. 2:14

14 Now thanks be unto God which always causeth **us** to triumph in **Christ**, and maketh manifest the **savour** of **His knowledge by us** in every place.

Conclusions:

1. The literal meaning of the **lost "savour,"** when used to describe the salt means to "become insipid." The dictionary defines "**insipid**" to mean something that is weak and **characterless** and applies the meaning to both **food** and **persons**.
2. The (Spiritual) use of the word "**savour**" describes how Christ's **sacrifice** and **offering** of Himself for us is as a "sweet smelling **savour**" to God. Then the Bible compares the "**witness**" that we give of the knowledge we have of Christ, to being a "sweet **savour**" to God.

Summary of Conclusions:

When Jesus described the salt and said "**Ye** are the salt" and then went on to say that "if the **salt** have **lost** his **savour**," it was good for nothing, He was Spiritually saying:

Paraphrase:

You are like **salt**. When salt loses its "**savour**" it becomes "**insipid**" or "**weak**" and **loses** the "**character**", that **salt** is known for, which is to permeate and influence and change whatever it is put into. If it doesn't do this, then it is good for nothing but to be thrown out.

Similarly, **you** like the salt can become "**insipid**" or weak and lose the "**character**" that **Christians** are known for, which is to **witness** about **Jesus** with their mouth and to **represent Him in character** by the **actions** of their life. If Christians don't do that, they are good for nothing but to be "cast out".

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of
“The Salt Of The Earth”)

1. “**Salt**” represents God’s **Law**.
2. God’s **Law** represents His *Character*.
3. Thus, “**Salt**” represents God’s *Character*.
4. “**Salt**” also represents God’s people or “**Christians**”.
5. Thus, “**Salt**” represents God’s *Character* as seen in His people or “**Christians**”.
6. The *character* of “**salt**” is shown by its **savour**.
7. If salt **loses** its **savour**, it has **lost** the “characteristics” or the *character* of “salt”!
8. Since **Christians** are represented by “**salt**”, then **Christians** can **lose** their **savour** or their *character* just like “**salt**”.
9. God’s **Law** represents God’s *Character*,
and when **Christians stop** obeying God’s **Law**,
they **stop** representing God’s *Character*.
They have **lost** their **savour**.
10. When “**Christians**” **stop** keeping God’s **Law**,
their **lives** do **not** represent the **life** of **Christ** and so
the witness of their mouth (if given) is **not** effective.
They are no better than those who do not know Christ,
and they have no hope of being able to influence
anyone else by their life to accept Christ!

The Parable of:

The

“City Set On A Hill”

(**Your Life** will have an **Influence** on Others)

The Parable of:

"The City Set On A Hill"

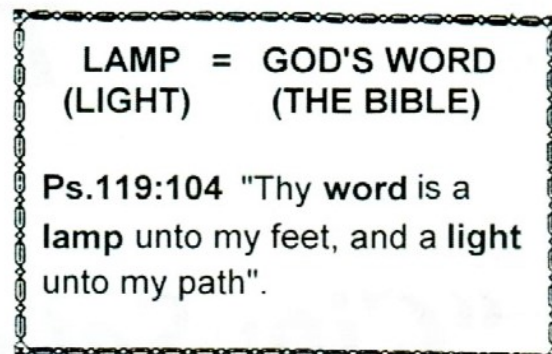
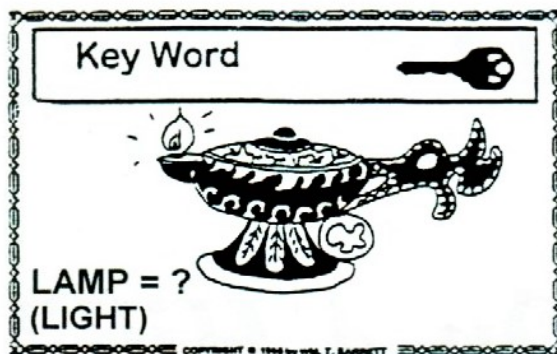
(Matthew 5:14)

14 "Ye are the **light** of the world. A **city** that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

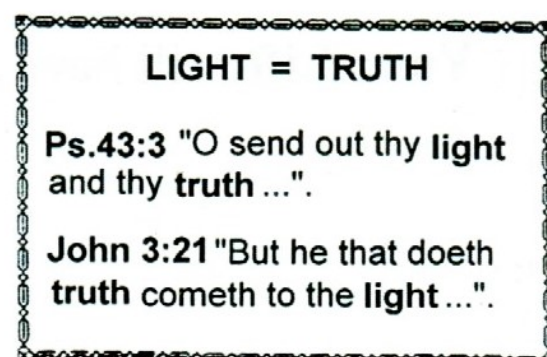
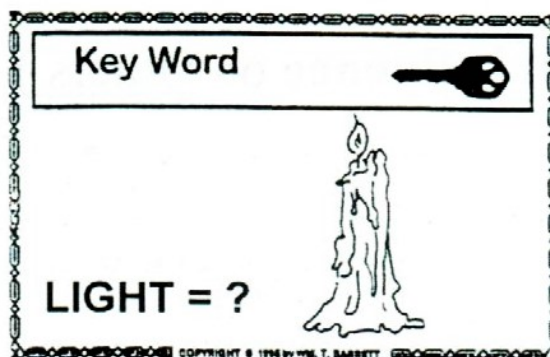
In order to understand the (Spiritual) meaning of this parable we will have to determine the (Spiritual) meaning of the real objects.

(Spiritual)

Light = God's Word (Bible)



Light = Truth



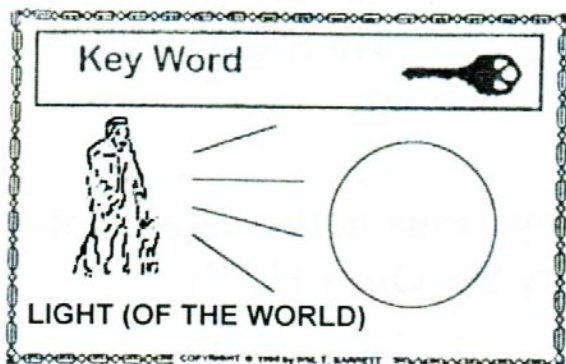
See Light = Understand Truth



SEE LIGHT = Understand Truth

PS.119:130 "... The entrance of thy words giveth **light**; it giveth **understanding** unto the simple".

Light = Jesus and Christians (of the world)



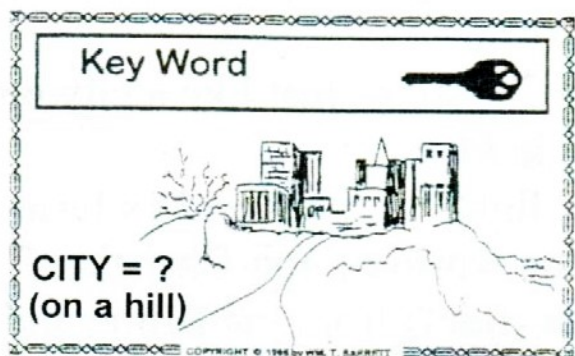
LIGHT = JESUS
(of the world) **AND CHRISTIANS**

John 8:12 "Then spake **Jesus** again unto them, saying, **I am the light** of the world:"

John 9:5 "As long as **I am** in the world, **I am the light** of the world".

Matt.5:14 "Ye are the **light** of the world".

City = God's People (Christians) (on a hill)



CITY = God's people
(On a Hill)

Mat.5:14 "Ye are the light of the world. A **city** that is **set on a hill** cannot be hid".

Isa.40:1,2 "... Comfort ye my **people**... speak ye comfortably to **Jerusalem**..."

Conclusion:

(Spiritual)

The Bible says that “**light**” represents **truth** that comes from the **Bible**. It also says that **Jesus** was the “**light**” or **truth** to the world when He was in the world. After He left the world, **Christians** were to become the “**light**” or **truth** to the world. (“**Ye** are the **light** of the world.”)

The Bible says that a “**city**” represents a group of people. As the city of Jerusalem, “set on a hill”, was in prominent view or “could not be hid” so God’s people or

Christians cannot be hidden but will be seen by those who are not Christians.

If they are **being** the “**light** of the world” as Jesus said, then the world will be **hearing** the **truth** (light) and **seeing Jesus** (the light) in their actions.

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by Jesus in the Parable of “The City Set On A Hill”)

1. **Light** represents **truth**
2. Light or truth comes from the Bible.
3. Jesus was the “light” or truth to the world when He was in the world.
4. Christians were to become the “light” or truth to the world when Jesus left the world.
5. Christians are seen by non-Christians just like a city on a hill is seen and cannot be hidden.
6. If Christians would be the “light” to the world as Jesus intended them to be, then the world of non-Christians would be **hearing** the **truth** (light) from the **Bible**, and **seeing Jesus** (the Light) in **their life**.

The Parable of:

The

***“Candle Under The
Bushel”***

(The Importance of **Witnessing**)

The Parable of:

"The Candle Under The Bushel"

(Matt. 5: 15,16)

Matthew 5:15,16

15 Neither do men **light** a **candle**, and put it under a **bushel**, but on a **candlestick**; and it giveth **light** unto all that are in the **house**.

16 Let your **light** so **shine** before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



LUKE 8:16

16 No man when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a **vessel**, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light

We will determine the (Spiritual) meaning of the real objects in the Parable so that we can understand the (Spiritual) meaning of the Parable.

(Spiritual)

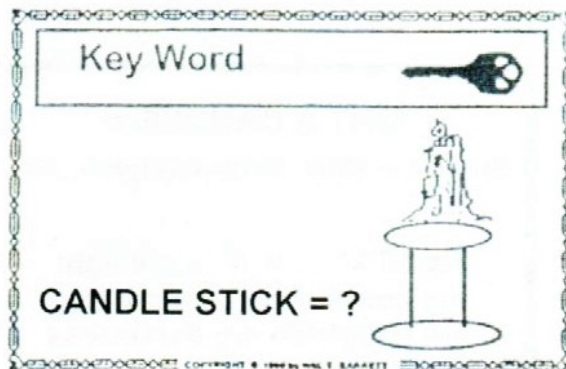
Vessel or Bushel = Person

Key Word	
VESSEL = ?	

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VESSEL = Person
Jere.18:4-6 "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter... Behold as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in mine hand..."

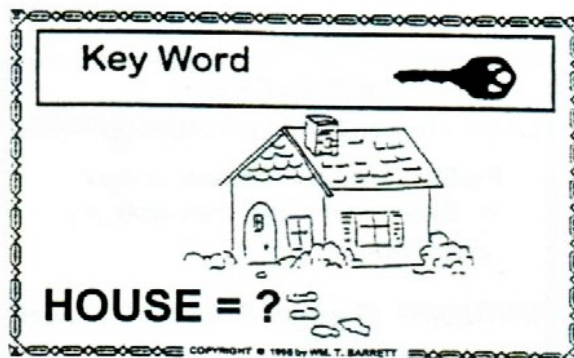
Candlestick = Church



CANDLESTICK = CHURCH

Rev.1:20 "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

House = Church

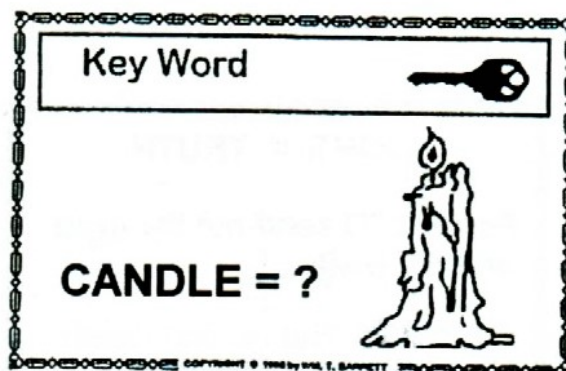


HOUSE = Church (God's people)

Hebrews 3:6

"But Christ a son over His own house; whose house are we ..."

Candle = God's Word The Bible




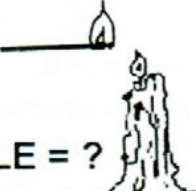
CANDLE = GOD'S WORD (The Bible)

Ps.119:105 "Thy word is a *candle unto my feet, and a light unto my path".

*candle = Hebrew word
lamp = English word

Light A Candle = Study the Bible to Understand Truth

Key Word 




LIGHT A CANDLE = ?


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LIGHT A CANDLE =
Study the Bible to understand truth

Ps.18:28 "For thou wilt **light my candle**: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness

Darkness = Lack of Understanding

Key Word 



DARKNESS = ?
(Evening, night, black, MIDNIGHT)


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DARKNESS =
LACK OF UNDERSTANDING (ERROR)

Ps.82:5 "They **know not**, neither do they understand, they walk on in **darkness ...**".

MIDNIGHT (Greatest Physical Darkness)
(Greatest Spiritual Darkness) or **ERROR**

Light = Truth

Key Word 



LIGHT = ?

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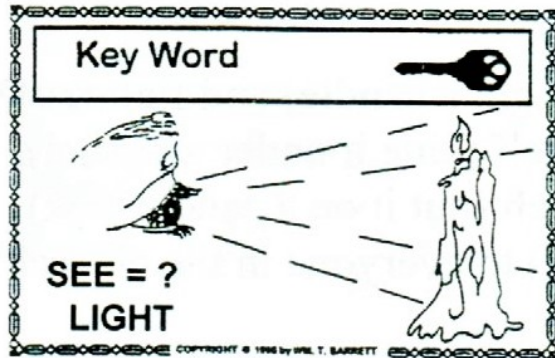
LIGHT = TRUTH

Ps.43:3 "O send out thy **light and thy truth ...**".

John 3:21 "But he that doeth **truth cometh to the light ...**".

(Spiritual)

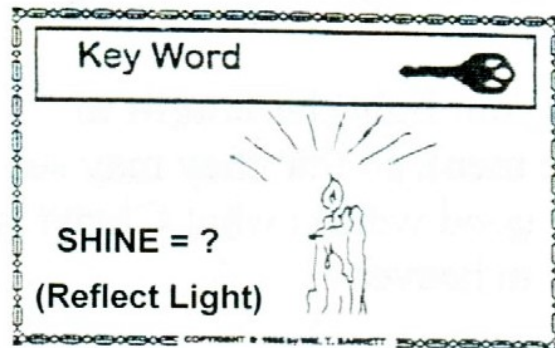
To See Light = To Understand Truth



SEE LIGHT = Understand Truth

PS.119:130"... The entrance of thy words giveth **light**; it giveth **understanding** unto the simple".

To Shine = To Teach Truth



SHINE = TEACH TRUTH
(Reflect Light)

Ps.43:3 "O send out thy **light** and thy **truth**..."

Phil.2:15 "...That ye may... **shine** as **lights** in the world;"

Conclusions:

- 1.The "candle" represents the **Bible** or God's Word.
- 2.To "light a candle" means to "**study the Bible**" to understand truth.
- 3.The "light" of the candle represents "**truth**".
- 4.The "candlestick" represents the **Church**.
- 5.The "bushel" or "vessel" represents a **person**.
- 6.The "house" represents the **Church**.
- 7.To "shine" or reflect light means to **teach truth**.
- 8."Darkness" represents lack of understanding of truth.

When Jesus said “Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house”. He was spiritually saying:

Paraphrase:

When you **study the Bible** (light a candle) and find **truth** (light), don’t keep it to **yourself** (hide it under a bushel), but rather take it to the **Church** (put it on a candlestick) and give the **truth** (give light) to everyone in the **church** (all that are in the **house**).

When Jesus said “Let your **light** so **shine** before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”, He was Spiritually saying:

Paraphrase:

Let the **truth** that you know (your light) be **taught** to those you know (shine before men), so that they may see by your **words** and **life** (your good works) what **Christ** is like and so give glory to God in heaven.

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of “The Candle Under The Bushel”)

1. When you study the **Bible** and discover **truth** you are **not** to just “keep it to yourself”.
2. You are to take the “**truth**” that you have discovered in the Bible to the Church so that everyone there can see the truth.
3. The “truth” that you have discovered from your study of the Bible is to be **taught** by you to those you know, so that they will see by your **words** and your **life** what **Christ Jesus** is like, and that will give glory to God in heaven.

The Parable of:
“The Son
Who
Asked For Bread”

(The Importance of **Prayer** and **Bible Study**)

The **Parable** of:

“The Son Who Asked For Bread”

(Matthew 7: 7-12)

Bible Text:

7 **Ask**, and it shall
be given you; **seek**,
and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall
be opened unto you:
8 For every one that
asketh receiveth; and
he that seeketh findeth;
and to him that knocketh
it shall be opened.
9 Or what man is there
of you, whom if his
son ask **bread**, will
he give him a **stone**?
10 Or if he ask a **fish**,
will he give him a
serpent?
11 If ye then, being
evil, know how to give
good gifts unto your
children, how much
more shall your Father
which is in heaven
give good things to
them that ask him?

Paraphrase:

7 **Ask** – It will be given
Seek – You will find
Knock – It will be opened
8 Everyone that:
Asks – Receives
Seeks – Finds
Knocks – Has it opened
to them
9 If you ask for “**bread**”
you will get bread not
a stone.
10 If you ask for a “**fish**”
you will get a fish not
a serpent.
11 If while being evil, you
know how to give good
gifts to your children,
then your heavenly
Father who is righteous
is much more able to
give good things to them
that ask Him.

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Bible Text:

12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Paraphrase:

12 Therefore, whatever you would want someone to do for you, do the same for them. This is what the **10 Commandments** and the **writers of the Bible** are trying to tell you.

Think about the Physical:


1. On the surface the Parable seems to be saying, “God will give anyone anything that they ask for”.
2. As we look more closely at the parable we see that it is talking about a **relationship**, between a father and son, or a father and his children. In other words, the “**gifts**” that are given in response to the “asking” are given to “**family members**”.
3. Then, we see that the “**gifts**” being “asked for” are things that will satisfy **hunger**, like “**bread**” or “**fish**”.
4. Then, we see that the “asking” and “giving” of “gifts” centers around “**good gifts**” and the willingness of God to give “good gifts” to those that ask Him.
5. Finally, we see that the whole parable centers on the principle that the **10 commandments** and the **Bible writers** are trying to tell us that we should do for others the same things that we would want done for us.


Think about the **Spiritual**:

1. This parable follows the parable of Matthew 6: 24-34 of “Seeking first the Kingdom of God” which tells us to **focus on Spiritual things** rather than Physical or Material things like eating and drinking. Thus, in order to be consistent, the things that we are told to “Ask” for and “Seek” for and “Knock” for, must be **Spiritual things**.
2. The real objects mentioned were “**bread**” and “**fish**”. Therefore this parable must be talking about “Asking” for (Spiritual) “**bread**” and (Spiritual) “**fish**”.
3. Also, since the parable describes a “**relationship**” between a “**father**” and “**his children**”, then the parable must be focusing on a (Spiritual) relationship between **God** the Father and His (Spiritual) children or those that love Him.
4. The “**gifts**” mentioned were “good gifts” that were to be given. Once again the parable must be talking about **Spiritual “gifts”** that were to be “asked for” and received.
5. The parable tells us to “Ask”, “Seek” and “Knock”. “**Ask**” for what? “**Seek**” for what? “**Knock**” and what will be opened to us?

Determine the **Spiritual** meaning of the **real objects**:
(Spiritual)

1. Bread = The Bible

Key Word 



BREAD = ?


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BREAD = THE BIBLE
(God's Word)

Matt.4:4

"Man shall not live by **bread** alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

2. Bread = Jesus (of life)

Key Word 

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BREAD = ?
(of life)

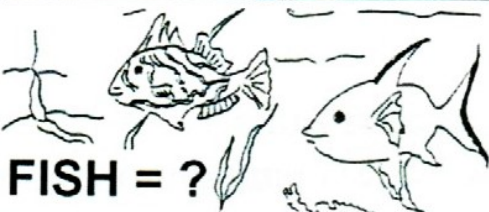
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BREAD = JESUS
(of life)

John 6:35 "And **Jesus** said unto them, I **am** the **bread** of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst".

3. Fish = Person

Key Word 



FISH = ?

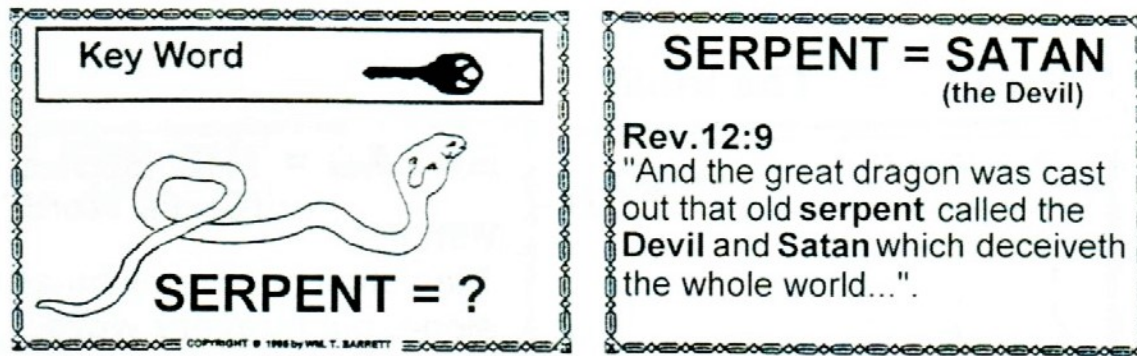
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FISH = PEOPLE

Habakkuk 1:14

"And makest **men** as the **fishes** of the sea..."

4. Serpent = The Devil or Satan



The parable implies that what is being "Asked" for is "Bread" and "fish".

Thus, the parable is telling us:
Spiritually to "**Ask**" for:

(Spiritual)

1. **Bread** An understanding of the **Bible**.

(Spiritual)

2. **Bread** (of Life) For **Jesus** to come into **our lives**.

(Spiritual)

3. **Fish** For **Jesus** to come into the **hearts** and lives of **those we know**.

The above would certainly be "**good gifts**"

In the same parable given by Luke, in Luke 11: 9-13, an **additional thought** helps us to understand more about the "**good gifts**" given by God.

Luke 11: 9-13

9 And I say unto you, **Ask**, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall **ask** an **egg**, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give **good gifts** unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father **give the Holy Spirit** to them that **ask** him?

Thus, the **Holy Spirit** is a “**good gift**” that is to be given to us when we “**Ask**”. It is interesting to note that an “**egg**” is mentioned by Luke to be “**asked for**”.

Thus, the implication is that the “**egg**” represents the **Holy Spirit**.

Egg

Or if he shall ask an **egg**, will he....Luke 11:12...#5609
any taste in the white of an **egg**Job 6: 6.....#2495

#5609 **ᾠόν** ᾠόν...a primary word; an **egg**

#2495 **חלמות** challâmûwth....**egg**...from #2492

#2492..חלם..châlam...to **bind** firmly

...cause to **dream**

Thus an “**egg**” is used to “**bind**” things together and causes us to “**dream**.”

Now we need to look at the (Phy.) “**functions**” of an “**egg**”.

What are the (Physical) “**functions**” of an “**egg**”?

1. To **bind** things **together** when **different things** are mixed together.
2. You **can't see** or taste the “**egg**” when it is mixed together, but you know it is there by **its effect**.
3. An “**egg**” is the symbol of (physical) “**fruitfulness**”.
4. An “**egg**” can cause you to have “**dreams**”

What are the (Spr.)“**functions**”of the **Holy Spirit**?

1. To “**bind**” church members **together** who have **different personalities** and different talents.
2. You can't “**see**” the **Holy Spirit** but you know it is there by **its effect**. (You can't see the wind but you know it is there by its effect on things. John 3: 8)
3. The **Holy Spirit** is the symbol of (Spr.)“**fruitfulness**”.
4. The **Holy Spirit** causes us to “**dream**” and have “visions” from God.

So, we are to “**Ask**” God for the “**good gift**” of the **Holy Spirit** to be given to us.

We need to know what the Bible means when it tells us to “**Ask**” for something.

Matthew 6: 7-11

7 But when ye pray , use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.	↔	To Spiritually “ Ask ” for something means to
8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.		Pray to God for something.
9. After this manner therefore pray ye : our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.		
10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is heaven.		
11 Give us this day our daily bread .		

It is interesting to notice that in the Lords Prayer in Matthew 6:11, **Jesus “Asks”** for “**daily bread**”

(**Jesus** is the “**Son**” who asked for **bread**.”)

Jesus had previously made it plain as to the type of “**bread**” he was asking for.

Matthew 4: 4 “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by **bread** alone, but by every **word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

Thus, our daily **bread** is to be a daily study of the **Bible**.

Now we need to discover what we are to “**seek**” for.
We will first look at the literal meaning of the word **seek**
by referring to the Concordance:

SEEK

Seek, and ye shall find.....Matt. 7:7.....#2212

#2212 ζητέω zētēō

...to **seek** (lit. or fig.); spec. (by Heb.) to **worship** (God)
...enquire (for), ..seek after, seek for...**Compare #4441**

#4441 πυνθάνομαι punthanōmai

...to *question* i.e. *ascertain* by inquiry
...as well as from #2212 which implies
a **search** for something **hidden**...

Thus, the word “**seek**” Literally means to “**search** for something **hidden**” and the implication is that it has to do with the **worship** of God.

Now, we will again use the Concordance to discover how the word “**seek**” is used **in connection with** the “**worship** of God.”

Proverbs 2:3-5

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 If thou **seekest** her as silver, and searchest for her as for **hid treasures**;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and **find** the knowledge of God

(Spiritual)

SEEK

Deuteronomy 4:29

29 But if from thence thou shalt **seek** the Lord thy God, thou shalt **find him**, if thou shalt **seek** him with **all thine heart** and with all thy soul.

↔

We are to **seek the Lord** with **all** our **heart** and **then** we will **find him**

I Chronicles 16:11

11 **Seek** the Lord and **his strength**, seek his face continually.

↔

We are to **seek** the **strength** of the Lord.

II Chronicles 7:14

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and **seek** my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

↔

If we humble ourself and pray and **seek** his **face** and **turn from** our wicked ways then God will hear and **forgive** our sins.

Psalms 34:10

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that **seek** the Lord shall not want any good thing.

↔

Those that **seek** the Lord shall **not lack** any "**good thing**."

Psalms. 34:14

14 Depart from evil, and do good; **seek** peace, and pursue it.

↔

We are to "**seek**" **peace**.

Psalms 119:165

165 Great **peace** have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

↔

"**Peace**" comes from "loving the **law** of God."

Psalms 119:176

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; **seek** thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments ↔ God will “**seek**” for us like a lost sheep, if we **do not forget His commandments.**

Ecclesiastes 7:25

25 I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to **seek out wisdom**, ↔ We are to earnestly **seek for wisdom.**

Proverbs 2:1,2,4,5

1 My son, if thou wilt receive **my words**, and hide my **commandments** with thee;
2 So that thou incline thine ear unto **wisdom**, and apply thine heart to understanding;....
4 If thou **seekest** her as silver, and searcheth for her as for **hid treasures**;
5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. ↔ The “**wisdom**” that we are to “**seek**” for comes from Gods **words** and His **commandments.** If we “**seek**” as for silver and search as for **hid treasure** we will **find the knowledge of God.**

EZEKIEL 34:6,11

6 ...**my flock was scattered** upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or **seek** after them. ↔ Gods people are scattered all over the earth and need someone to **seek** for them.
11 For thus saith **the Lord God**; Behold, I, even **I**, will ↔ The Lord will **seek** for his people.
both search my sheep, and **seek them out.**

LUKE 19

10 For the Son of man is come to **seek** and to save that **which was lost.** ↔ Jesus will **seek** for and save his lost people

ACTS 17:26,27

26 And hath made **of one blood all nations of men** for to dwell on all the face of the earth;....

27 That they should **seek the Lord**, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though **he be not far from every one of us**.



Everyone on earth, from all the nations should “**seek**” the **Lord**, because he is “not far from every one of us”.

Now we need to discover what it means to “**Knock**”, and what will be “opened to us”. We will first look at what it means Literally to “**Knock**” by using the Concordance.

KNOCK

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.....Matt.7:7.....#2925

#2925 κρούω krōuō

a primary verb...to rap or knock

Thus, to “**Knock**” literally means to “rap” or knock.”
Now, let’s see how the Bible uses the word “**knock**”
Spiritually.

(Spiritual)

KNOCK

Matthew 7:7

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; **knock**, and **it shall be opened** unto you.



If we “**knock**”, something that is “**shut**” will be Spiritually “**opened** to us.

LUKE 13:25

25 When once the master of
of the house is risen up, and
hath **shut to the door**, and
ye begin to stand without, and
to **knock at the door**, saying,
Lord, **Lord, open unto us**; and
he shall answer and say unto you,
I know you not whence ye are:

↔ A Spiritual “door”
is what is “**shut**” and
needs to be **opened**.
The “opening” of the
(spr.) “**door**” is
associated with us
“**getting to know**
the Lord” and
Asking Him to
“**open to us**” as we
“**Knock**”.

JOHN 10:7,9

7 Then **said Jesus** unto them
again, Verily, Verily, I say
unto you, **I am the door** of the
sheep.

9 **I am the door**: by **me** if
any man enter in, he shall
be saved, and shall go in and
out, and find pasture.

↔ The Spiritual “door”
that we **must enter**
in order to **be saved**,
after it has been
“**opened**” to us, is
“**Jesus**”.

REVELATION 3:7,8

7...these things saith **he that**
is holy, he that is true, he that
hath the key of David, he that
openeth, and no man **shutteth**;
and **shutteth**, and no man
openeth;

8 I know thy works: behold,
I have set before thee an **open**
door, and no man can shut it....

↔ **Jesus** is the only **one**
that can “**open**” or
“**shut**” **heaven** to us.

REVELATION 3:20

20 Behold, I stand at the **door**, and **knock**: if any man **hear my voice**, and **open the door**, **I will come in to him**, and will sup with him, and he with me.

↔ The Lord stands at the “**door**” and “**knocks**”. If **we** will “**open**” the Spr. “**door**” when we **hear His voice**, He will come in to us.

SONG OF SOLOMON 5:2,4

2 I sleep my **heart** waketh:
it is **the voice** of **my beloved**
that **knocketh**, saying, **open**
to me, my sister, my love,...
4 My beloved put in his hand
by the hole of the **door**, and my
bowels were moved for him.

↔ It is the “**voice**” of the **Lord** that “**knocks**” and awakens our **heart** or “**door**” to **open** to Him.

ACTS 16:14

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose **heart** the Lord **opened**, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

↔ The Spiritual “**door**” that we “**open**” to the Lord is our “**heart**”.

Conclusions:

1. The “**door**” that is “closed” is our “**heart**”.
2. It is the **voice** of the **Lord Jesus** that “**knocks**” at the “**door**” of our **heart** and **awakens** our **heart**.
3. If we “get to know the Lord” and ask Him to “**open to us**” He will **open** the **door** of **salvation** to us.
4. Spiritual “**knocking**” is the Lord speaking to us or us speaking to Him.

Doctrinal Truths (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of “The Son Who Asked For Bread”)

1. When we belong to the “family of God” we can “**Ask**” or **Pray** to God and expect to be given “good gifts”.
2. We can “**Ask**” for an understanding of the **Bible** and to have **Jesus** come into our lives.
3. We can “**Ask**” for the **Holy Spirit** to be given to us.
4. Besides “Asking” we must “**seek**” the Lord with **all** our heart and search His Word like we are “Seeking” for hid treasure.
5. While we are “seeking” the Lord and “searching His Word”, He will be “seeking” us.
6. Besides “Asking” and “Seeking” we must “**knock**” on the “**door**”, that we must enter heaven through, which represents **Jesus**. If we want Him to “**open to us**” we **must** get to **know Him**.
7. Jesus also “**knocks**” at the “**door**” of our **heart** and when we **hear His voice** it **awakens our heart** to “**open**” and let Him come in.
8. We are to follow the example of our Heavenly Father who is so willing to do “good things” for us, by doing the same things for others that we would want done for us.
9. To do the same things for others that we would want done for us, is what God is trying to teach us through the **10 Commandments** (Law) and the rest of the **Bible** (Prophets).

“OPEN THE DOOR”

*Alone I sat in my darkened room,
Praying, “Dear Jesus please hear me soon.”
I stopped and I listened, then heard a knock.
I went to the door and received quite a shock.
No person stood there. No one was around.
Could it be Jesus I had finally found?
I closed my eyes tightly and was very still,
when a sweet voice my heart did fill.
“Into your heart you must let Me in.”
“Forgiveness I give you for all of your sins.”
“Alone you have never truly been.”
“You were just blinded, blinded by sin.”
“The door to your heart has been locked up tight.”
“When words I have whispered you ran and took flight.”
“My child please stop and let me in.”
“Be free from your burdens.”
“Be free from your sins.”
As tears fell down my saddened face,
I knew God held me in His loving grace.
“Into my heart I take all of you.”
“I give my life freely to you it is true.”
With the blink of an eye I quickly felt,
The burdens of life from my shoulders melt.
“No more will my heart be locked up tight.”
“When words you do whisper I will not take flight.”*

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The Parable Of:

***“Seeking First The
Kingdom Of God”***

(The Importance of Seeking
the **Garment of Righteousness**)

The **Parable** of:

“Seeking First The Kingdom Of God”

(Matt. 6:24-34)

Matt. 6:24-34

Think About The **Physical**

24 No man can serve
two masters: for either
he will hate the one,
And love the other, or ↔
else he will hold to the
one, and despise the other.
Ye cannot serve
God and Mammon.

No one can **divide** their.
service. A **choice** of
Masters must be
made.

25 Therefore I say unto
you, take no thought for
your life, what ye shall
eat, or what ye shall
drink; nor yet for your
body, what ye shall put
on. Is not the **life** more
than meat, and the body
than raiment?

↔ **Life** is more than eating
and drinking and
wearing clothes.

26 Behold the **fowls**
of the air: for they sow
not, neither do they
reap, nor gather into
barns; yet your heavenly
Father feedeth them.
Are ye not much better
than they?

↔ Look at the **birds**, they
don't plant or **harvest**
and yet God feeds them.

Think About The **Physical**

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?



By thinking can you make yourself grow?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin.



Why do you worry about your **clothing**? Look at the lilies and how they grow. They **don't work** nor **make** their **clothing**.

29 And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.



Yet even **Solomon's clothing** is **not** as beautiful as theirs.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?



If God gives **clothing** to the grass, he is much more willing to **clothe you** but you need to have **faith**. So, don't worry about eating, and drinking and **being clothed** because God knows you need these things.

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithall shall we be clothed?

Think About The **Physical**

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.



Instead, put **God first** and seek **His righteousness** and He will give you everything you need.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Conclusions: (on the surface, the “Physical” meaning)

1. We must **choose** to serve **either** God or riches.
(mammon)

2. **Life** is more than eating, drinking and wearing clothing.

3. The birds are fed by God and they don't work.

4. You can't make yourself grow.

5. The lilies grow and they don't work nor make their clothing.

6. The **clothing given** to the lilies **by God** is more beautiful than any Solomon could make.

7. God **gives clothing** to the grass and He is even *more willing* to give **you clothing** but you need to have faith.

8. So, don't worry about the things that people usually worry about like eating and drinking and **being clothed**.

9. Put **God first** and seek **His righteousness** and He will give you everything you need.

Summary:

There are *two* **main themes** in this parable:

1. Put God **first** and have **faith** in Him to provide all your needs.

2. God wants to provide us with a type of **clothing** that **we can't work for** which is more beautiful than anything even Solomon could make.

Think about the **Spiritual**:

Let's see if we can discover more about this **clothing** that God wants to give us.

Isaiah 61:10

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for **he hath clothed me** with the garments of **salvation**, he hath covered me with the robe of **righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Zec. 3: 3,4

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the **filthy garments** from him. And unto him he said Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and **I will clothe thee** with **change of raiment**.

Jesus will “take away” our “**filthy garments**” (our sins) and will cloth us with “change of raiment” or “**New Garments**” (His Righteousness).

Isaiah 64:6

6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all **our righteousnesses** are **as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Isaiah 59:6

6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their **works**: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

Now we see the **Spiritual meaning** of the Parable:

God wants to give us **His Robe of Righteousness**, or the “**Garment of Salvation**”.

We can't “**work** for it” because it is a **gift**. Our righteousness or “works” are as “filthy rags” compared to **God's righteousness**! If we put God first in our lives He will **give us the Garment of Salvation**.

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”)

1. We cannot serve two masters or be double minded.
2. We must **choose** to put God first in everything.
3. The things of this world like eating, drinking and wearing clothing should not be our primary interest, God knows we have physical needs and He will supply those needs if we have **faith** in Him and put **Him first**.
4. Besides our physical needs we have **Spiritual needs**, but we **can't** “**work** our way to heaven”!
Our righteousness compared to God's Righteousness is like “filthy rags” compared to the “Robe of a King” or Bridegroom.
5. If we will put **God first** in everything and seek His Righteousness, He will **cloth us** with the **Garment of Salvation**, with His Robe of Righteousness as a **free gift**.

The Parable of:

The

“Garment With The

Hole In It”

(How to Obtain the **Garment of Righteousness**)

The **Parable** of:

“The Garment With the Hole In It”
(Matthew 9:16)

Matthew 9:16

16 “No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the **rent** is made worse.”

We will use the Concordance to see if we can find any similar parables written by other Bible writers, to see if they give any additional information.

Mark 2:21

21 “No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the **rent** is made worse.”

Luke 5:36

36 “And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a **rent**, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.”

Since we don't use the word “**rent**” today in the same sense it is used in this parable, we need to know the literal meaning of the word, so we will look it up in the Greek Dictionary in Strongs Concordance.

Rent #4978 – A split or gap (from #4977)

#4977 – A break or open place

Thus, a “**rent**” is an opening or “**hole**” in a garment.

Think about the **Physical**:

On the surface this parable describes someone who has an old garment with a **hole** or “rent” in it, who attempts to “patch” it up by using a piece of new cloth or a piece of a new garment. When the piece of the new garment is sewed onto the old garment, the result is that the “patch” just won’t work! The piece of new garment looks **different** than the old garment and because the piece of new garment is **stronger** than the old garment, as it is sewed onto the old garment it **tears away** part of the **old garment** and the **hole** gets **bigger**!

Comments:

1. This parable assumes that the person with the “old garment” does **not** want to **get rid** of his old garment, but he is **ashamed** of the **holes** in the **old garment** which expose his “nakedness” and wants to hide his nakedness by “**patching**” up his old garment with pieces of a “**new garment**”.
2. The person in the parable either feels comfortable in his **old garment** and feels that a “**new garment**” will not be as “**comfortable**” to him and so **resists** getting a **new garment**, or he feels that he is **too poor** and **cannot buy** a **new garment**.
3. The only solution to the person’s problem with his “**old garment**” is to *get rid of it* and get a “**new garment**”. Any “**patching**” done to the “**old garment**” will only be temporary because the **new garment** patch will tear away at the old garment and make a **bigger hole**. This process will ultimately end in the person being “**naked**” as the **hole** gets bigger and bigger and requires larger and larger pieces of **new garment**.

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4. This parable brings out the “**ultimate result**” that **everyone** will eventually be found either “**naked**” or “**clothed**” in **new garments**!

Thus, it is very important that we discover what Spiritual “**Nakedness**” represents and what being Spiritually “**Clothed**” in a “new garment” represents.

5. In order to understand this parable **Spiritually** we will have to discover the **Spiritual meaning** of the **real objects** in the parable as well as some of the “**actions**” in the parable.

6. Some of the “objects” that we need to discover the **Spiritual meaning** of are: garment, old garment, new garment, “holes” in the garment, nakedness.

7. Some of the “questions” we need to find **Bible** answers for are:

1. Why would anyone “**resist**” buying a new garment ?
2. What is involved in **buying** a “new garment” and where would you buy it?
3. What is the **cost** of the “new garment”?
4. Why would anyone feel **comfortable** in an “old garment”?

Now we need to discover the **Spiritual meaning** of the **real objects** in the parable so that we can discover it’s **Spiritual meaning**.

Key Word



GARMENT = ?



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GARMENT = Character or Life

Gen.35:2 "...Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your **garments**."

Zechariah 3:4 "...Take away the filthy **garments** from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of **raiment**."

Key Word



OLD GARMENT = ?



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OLD GARMENT = OLD SINFUL LIFE
(filthy, holes in it)

Zech.3:4 "Take away the filthy **garment** from him... behold I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee..."

James 5:1,2 "Go to now, ye rich men... your riches are corrupted, and your **garments** are **motheaten**."

Key Word



NEW GARMENT = ?
(clean, white)



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NEW GARMENT = NEW RIGHTEOUS LIFE

ISA.61:10 "...My soul shall be joyful in my God for He hath **clothed** me with the **garment** of salvation, He hath covered me with the **robe of righteousness**..."

Rev.19:8 "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in **fine linen, clean and white**: for the **fine linen** is the **righteousness** of saints".

Key Word



CLOTHED = ?
(with garment)



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CLOTHED = clothed with either:
Christ's Life "His Righteousness"
or our own "**works**"

Job 29:14 "I put on **righteousness** and it **clothed** me; my judgment was a **robe**".

Isa.59:6 "Their webs shall not become **garments**, neither shall they **cover** themselves with **their works**: their works are **works of iniquity**".

Conclusions:

Thus, the Bible says that Spiritually a “**garment**” represents the “**life**” or **character** of a person. An “**old garment**”, which is **filthy** and has holes in it represents a **sinful life**. A “**new garment**” which is **clean** and white and does **not** have holes in it represents the **holy life** of **Jesus**.

Now we need to discover the Spiritual meaning of “**nakedness**”.

Naked

Genesis 3:9-11

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was **naked**; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast **naked**? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof **I commanded thee** that thou shouldest **not** eat?

Nakedness is associated with disobedience or **sin**.

Revelation 3:18

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the **shame** of thy **nakedness** do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see.

Nakedness is associated with **shame**.

Ezekiel 16:52

52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sister, bear thine own **shame** for thy **sins** that thou hast committed more abominable than they.

Shame is associated with **sin**.

Revelation 16:15

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk **naked**, and they see his **shame**.

Shame is associated with **nakedness**.

Conclusion:

The **Bible** associates “**Nakedness**” with **Sin** and **Shame**!

Comments:

Since “**nakedness**” represents **sin**, then a person whose “**nakedness**” is covered by a garment, represents a person whose **sins** are covered by a “garment”.

Similarly, a person having a **garment** with **holes** in it revealing “**nakedness**”, represents a person whose “**sins**” are **not covered** but are **revealed**.

A person having a **garment** with “**patches**” over the holes, to cover **nakedness**, represents a person who is trying to cover **sin** in a way that will **not work!**

Let’s see if we can discover from the **Bible** what the “**patches**” represent.

Patches (Pieces of Cloth)

Mark 2:21

21 No man seweth a **piece** of new cloth on an old garment:...

Luke 5:36

36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a **piece** of a new garment upon an old;...

Conclusions and Comments:

Thus, the Bible says that the “**patch**” is made from a “**piece**” of **new** cloth or a piece of **new** garment.

Previously we learned that the **new** cloth or **new** garment represents *righteousness*. Thus the “**piece**” of **new** cloth or piece of **new** garment used for the “**patch**” represents “**righteousness**” or “**doing right**”.

Now we are beginning to “get the picture”. An **old** garment with “**patches**” of **new** garment over the **holes**, represents the **life** or character of a person who is a **sinner** (old garment) who tries to “patch up” his **sinful life** with a “little **righteousness**” (piece of **new garment**). The result is a **sinner** who is trying to **look good**, but who **remains a sinner!**

Since the “**patch**” will **not** work but tears an even **bigger hole** in the garment, which reveals even more “nakedness” or **sinfulness**, the **sinner** attempts to “**work even more righteousness**” to cover his now **greater sin**.

Eventually, the “hole” in the garment becomes so large that in effect there is **no garment left** and the person is left **completely naked!**

Thus, a person has only **two choices**:

1. To become **completely “naked”**.
or
2. To become **completely “covered”**
with a new garment.

Similarly, the “**sinner**” has only **two choices**:

1. To become **completely sinful** (naked)
or
2. To become **completely righteous**
(covered with new garment)

Now the question is **how** does the “**sinner**” become “**completely righteous**” if he **can’t do it a “little at a time”** (“patches”)?

The answer is that the “**sinner**” must become “**completely righteous**” *all at once!* How can this be done? When a “completely **naked**” person puts on a **new garment**, they are immediately “completely **covered**” by the “**new garment**”.

Similarly, when a “completely **sinful**” person puts on the **Robe of Christs Righteousness** (new garment) they are immediately “completely **covered**” by **His Righteous life** (new garment)! Their “**nakedness**” or **sinfulness** is **no longer visible!**

Isaiah 61:10

10 “...My soul shall be joyful in my God for He hath **clothed me** with the **garment of salvation**, He hath **covered me** with the **robe of righteousness....**”

As far as the **judgment** is concerned, the person “covered” by the **Robe of Christs Righteousness** is as **perfectly sinless as Christ is!**

Job 29:14

14 “I put on **righteousness**, and it **clothed me**; my **judgment** was as a **robe**.”

But, there is a problem that this parable brings out. The “new garment” cannot be **put over** the “old garment”. It is necessary to *get rid of* the **old garment before** you can *put on* the “**new garment**”! This illustrates the principle that we cannot continue to **hold on** to our **old sinful life** (old garment) and expect **Jesus** to give us a **new life!** (new garment). We must allow **Jesus** to change us and to “**take away our filthy garment**” or **sinfulness**.

Zechariah 3:4

4 "...Take away the **filthy garments** from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine **iniquity** to pass from thee, and I will **cloth thee** with **change of raiment**."

Revelation 19:8

8 "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in **fine linen, clean** and white: for the **fine linen** is the **righteousness of saints**."

If we are **willing** to give up sin and we **ask Jesus** to come into our **heart**, *He will change us* so that we actually begin to *be like Jesus* in our **daily lives**! Even our "**desires**" will change. **Paul** explains it this way:

II Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is a **new** creature: old things are passed away; behold, **all things** are become **new**.

Romans 6:3,4

3 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore **we** are **buried** with **him** by baptism unto death: that like as Christ was **raised up** from the **dead** by the glory of the Father, even so **we also** should **walk** in **newness of life**."

Thus, **Jesus** works a **miracle** in our lives to "**bury**" our old life of sin (old garment) and **creates** in us **new abilities** (new garment) just as if we were **resurrected** from the **dead**!

Jesus put it this way:

John 3:5

“...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a **man** be **born of water** and of the **Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

John the Baptist explains what it means to be “**born of water** and of the **Spirit**”:

Matthew 3:11

11 “I indeed **baptize** you with **water** unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I...He shall **baptize** you with the **Holy Ghost**...”

So it is the **Holy Spirit** that brings “**Power**” into our lives to **overcome sin**!

Paul talks about this “**Miracle**” that **God** performs through the means of the **Holy Spirit** to help us **overcome sin** in our **daily lives**.

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Romans 7:12 Wherefore the **law** is holy, and the **commandment** holy, and just, and good.

Romans 7:23 But I see **another law** in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the **law of sin** which is in my members.

Romans 8:8 So then they that are *in the flesh* cannot please God.

Romans 8:9 But ye are **not in the flesh**, but **in the Spirit**, if so be that the **Spirit** of God **dwell in you**. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Romans 8:2 For the **law of the Spirit** of life in **Christ Jesus** hath made me **free** from the **law of sin** and death (in my members).

Romans 6:18 Being then made **free** from (the **law of**) **sin** (and death in your members), ye became the servants of righteousness.

Romans 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but **yield yourselves unto God**, as those that are **alive** from the **dead**, and **your members** as **instruments of righteousness** unto God.

Romans 6:14 For **sin** shall **not** have **dominion over you**: for ye are **not** under the **law**, (of **sin** and death in your members) but under **grace**. *

* **Grace** #5485 – The **divine influence** upon the **heart**, and its **reflection** in the **life**.

Galations 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the **Spirit**, and ye shall **not fulfil** the lust of the **flesh**.

Galations 5:19-21 Now the **works** of the **flesh** are manifest, which **are these**; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry,...envyings, murders,...and **such like**; of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God**.

Galations 5:18 But if ye be **led of the Spirit**, ye are **not** under the **law** (of **sin** and death in your members)!!

This is the “**Good News**” or “**Gospel**” that we can **Now** have not only the **desire** to **obey God** but can **also** have the “**Power**” to **Obey Him**!

Note: Words in () have been added to make it clearer.

The Gospel or "Good News" of Freedom in Christ

Gal. 5:16

This I say then,
walk in the Spirit,
and ye shall not
fulfil the lust of
the flesh.

Gal. 5:16 Paraphrase

With the help of the Holy
Spirit, you will not be a
slave of Satan's, required
to do evil.

Gal. 5:17

For the flesh lusteth
against the Spirit, and the
Spirit against the flesh:
and these are contrary the
one to the other: so that ye
cannot do the things that
ye would.

Gal. 5:17 Paraphrase

Normally, you are not able
to do the things that you
want to do. This is because
Satan has power over you
and he is at war with God,
and so causes you to serve
him instead of God.

Gal. 5:18

But if ye be led of the
Spirit, ye are not under
the law. (of sin and death
in your members).

Gal. 5:18 Paraphrase

But, with the help of the Holy Spirit
a change takes place. You are freed
from Satan's power and are
allowed to choose to serve God
instead of Satan. No longer are you
under the law of sin and death, a
slave to Satan. You have been freed
through the law of the Holy Spirit
which gives you new life in Christ
Jesus! You have been made free so
that now you can obey God and
become His servant, instead of
Satan's.

Rom. 8:2 For the **law** of the **Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus hath
made me **free** from the **law** of **sin and death**. (in my members).

Rom 6:14 For **sin** shall **not** have **dominion over you**: for ye are
not under the **law**, (**of sin** and death) but under **grace**.

Rom. 6:18 Being then made **free** from (the **law** of) **sin** (and death
in your members), ye **became** the servants of **righteousness**.

Summary:

Thus, in order to obtain the **new garment** we have to be willing to *get rid of* the **old garment**. Or in other words, to obtain the covering “**righteousness**” of **Christ’s Holy Life**, we must be willing to *give up sinning*! If we are willing and **ask Jesus to come into our life**, then He will give us the **Holy Spirit** which will bring **New Power** into our life which will **enable** and **empower** us to give up sinning! Then **He** will **cover us** with **His Robe of Righteousness**!

While we are “**overcoming sin**” in our **life**, and are **not perfect**, as far as Heaven is concerned “we are perfect”, because we are **judged** by **Christ’s Perfect Sinless Life** and **not ours**!

Job 29:14

14 I put on **righteousness**, and it clothed me:
my judgment was as a **robe** and a diadem.

Psalms 35:24

24 **Judge me**, O Lord, according to **thy righteousness**;

Isaiah 61:10

10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for **he** hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, **he** hath covered me with the **robe of righteousness**,....

Revelation 3:5

5 He that **overcometh**, the same shall **be clothed** in white raiment; and I will **not blot out** his name out of the **book of life**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

I John 5:55 Who is he that **overcometh** the world, but **he that believeth** that **Jesus** is the Son of God?

Thus, this parable makes it very clear that **sinfulness** (old garment or nakedness) is **not** acceptable to God!

It also makes it very clear that we **cannot** “take away” our sinfulness by “**our works**” or “**our righteousness**”!
Only **Christ’s Righteousness** is acceptable to God!

Isaiah 64:6

6 But **we** are **all** as an unclean thing, and **all our righteousnesses** are as **filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Romans 3:10

10 As it is written, There is **none righteous**, no **not one**:

Isaiah 59:6

6 Their webs shall **not become garments**, **neither** shall they cover themselves with **their works**: their works are **works of iniquity**, and the act of violence is in their hands.

Thus, “**righteousness**” comes through “**faith**” in **Jesus**, to do something **for us** that **we can’t do for ourselves!**

Righteousness By Faith

Jude 24,25: “Now unto Him that is able to

1. keep you **from falling**

(New **power** from Christ to keep us from sinning.)

This is “**imparted**” righteousness.

2. and to present you **faultless** before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.”

(Christ’s **absolutely perfect sinless life**, credited to **your account**.)

This is “**imputed**” righteousness.

Romans 4:5-7

5 But to him that **worketh not**, but **believeth** on him that justifieth the ungodly, his **faith** is counted for **righteousness**. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom **God imputeth righteousness without works**, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose **sins are covered**.

But if “**works**” don’t “**save us**” what part does “commandment keeping” play in the plan of Salvation? The parable reveals the answer to us.

Just as the parable required that the “old garment” be removed before the “new garment” was “put on”, so **Jesus** requires a “**willingness**” on our part to “**give up sin**” before he will give us **His righteousness** (new garment). Then, He empowers us through the Holy Spirit to “**do righteousness**” or “keep His Commandments” so that we “become like Him”. “**Commandment keeping**” becomes the **test** of our “**faith**” and “**love**” for Him.

John 14:12,15,21

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **he** that **believeth** on **me**, the **works** that **I do** shall **he do also**;

15 If ye **love me**, **keep my commandments**.

21 He that hath my commandments, and **keepeth them**, **he** it is that **loveth me**: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Revelation 14:12

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that **keep the commandments** of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Thus, those that have a **faith** relationship with **Jesus** are doing their best to “**keep**” His Commandments **not** to be “**saved**”, but because they **love Him** and want to **please Him** and He has **asked them** to “keep His Commandments” and has **given** them His **Holy Spirit** to **empower** them to **do it!**

Comments:

Now, we need to go back and look at some of the “questions” we had when we first began to look at this parable.

Question 1. Why would anyone “resist” **buying** a “new garment”?

Answer: The “new garment” represents “righteousness” and requires a “willingness” to **give up sin** before we can obtain it. Most people are **not willing** to give up sin!

Question 2. What is involved in **buying** a “new garment” and where do you buy it?

Answer: Since the “new garment” belongs to “**Jesus**” we must ask Him to come into our **life** and take away our sins (old garment) and be **willing** to let Him **change us** so that we can be like Him.

Revelation 3:18

18 I counsel thee to **buy** of **me...white raiment**, that thou mayest **be clothed**, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear...

Question 3. What is the **cost** of the “new garment”?

Answer: The “new garment” **cost** the **life** of Jesus, to “die **for** sin” and will require us to be willing to “die **to** sin” or be “willing” to **stop** sinning.

Question 4. Why would anyone feel “comfortable” in an “old garment”?

Answer: The “old garment” represents a sinful life and most people would rather “enjoy the pleasures of **sin** for a **season**” than to give up sin and be **like** Jesus and **with** Jesus **forever!**

Hebrews 11:24,25

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the **pleasures of sin for a season;**

Doctrinal Truth: (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of
“The Garment With The Holes In It”)

1. A “garment” represents a persons **life**.
2. An “old garment” represents a **sinful** life.
3. A “new garment” represents a **righteous** life.
4. Nakedness represents **sin**.
5. A “garment” with an “opening or hole” in it, revealing nakedness, represents a person who is “openly sinning”.
6. A “garment” with a “patch” over the hole, represents a person who is sinning but who tries to **hide** their **sins** and to **appear** “**righteous**”.
7. A person who is totally “**naked**” represents a person who is **totally** under the control of Satan and has given over their life to him to **sin** or “work wickedness”.
8. A person who has on a totally “**new garment**” represents a person who is **totally** under the control of Christ and has given over their life to Him to **obey** or “work righteousness”.
9. The “new garment” represents the **Righteous Life** or “**Righteousness**” of **Christ**.
10. A person **cannot** “become righteous” a “**little** at a time”! A person attempting to do this is attempting to “**work**” their way to heaven which is impossible.

11. A person must become “**completely righteous**” **all at once!** A person attempting this has asked for Christ to come into **their life** and by **faith** depends upon the **Righteousness of Christ** to become “their righteousness”.
12. In the judgement, a person “covered” by the “**Robe of Christ’s Righteousness**”, is considered as “**perfectly sinless**” as **Christ is!**
13. We **cannot** continue to “**hold on**” to our “**old sinful life**” and **expect** Christ to give us a “new life”. We must allow Him to “change us” and to “take away” our filthy garment of **sinfulness**.
14. When we ask for Christ to come into our life and forgive our sins, a **miracle** occurs. Christ “takes away” our “filthy garment” or sinful life. We are “buried” with Him through **baptism** and then we are “raised from the dead” with Him to begin a **new life**.
15. As we begin our **new life** with Christ, He sends the **Holy Spirit** to **free us** from the control that **Satan** has had over us under the “**law of sin and death**” in our members. The “**law of the Spirit**” makes us **free** from the “**law of sin and death**” in our members and we are then able to serve God with our members as “instruments of righteousness”.
Sin no longer has “**dominion over us**” because we are under **grace** or the “Divine influence upon our **heart**” and this is **reflected in our life**”!

16. In order to obtain the “new garment” of Christ’s Righteousness, we must be **willing to give up** the “old garment” of sinfulness or to put it another way, we must be “**willing**” to **give up sin!**
17. If we are “**willing**” to **give up sin**, then Christ places His Robe of Righteousness upon us and **empowers us** through the **Holy Spirit** to “**do righteousness**” or “**keep**” His **Commandments** instead of **breaking them!**
18. Those who have established a “**faith**” relationship with Christ will be doing their best to “keep” His Commandments, **not** to be “**saved**”, but **because** they **love Him** and want to **please Him** and He has **asked them** to “**keep**” His Commandments and has **given** them the **Holy Spirit** to **empower** them to **do it!** These are those who obtain “**Righteousness**” by **Faith!**

The Parable of:

The

***“Pearls Cast Before
Swine”***

(There are **Pastors** who will not **Teach Truth**)

The Parable of:

"Pearls Cast Before Swine"

(Matthew 7: 6)

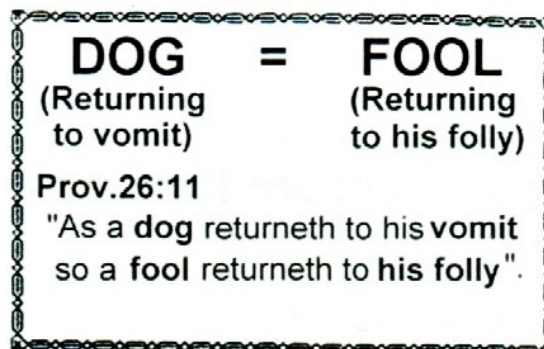
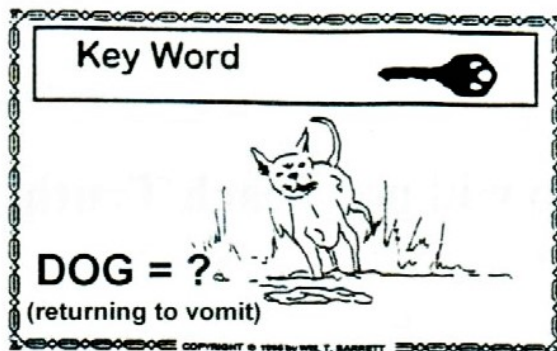
6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Think about the Spiritual:

1. A (Spiritual) "**dog**" will not appreciate anything **holy**.
2. A (Spiritual) "**swine**" will not discern the value of (Spiritual) **pearls**.
3. (Spiritual) trampling something **holy** "under the feet" will cause it to be of less (Spiritual) **value**.
4. If a (Spiritual) "**dog**" or (Spiritual) "**swine**" turns on you, they could "**divide you**" **Spiritually**

(Spiritual)

Dog = Someone who learns the **truth** and then **turns their back on it** and **returns to their sin**.



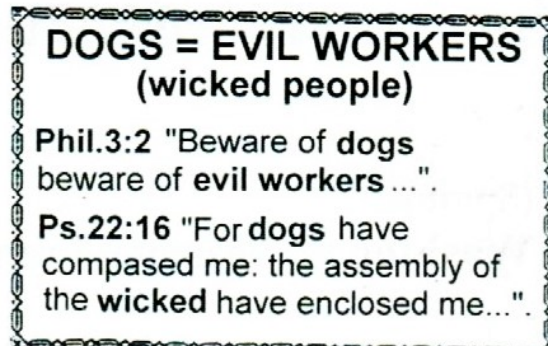
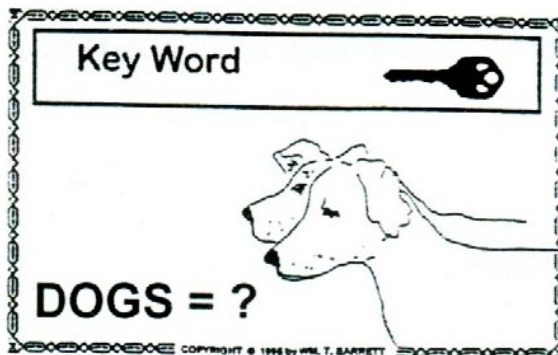
II Peter 2: 21-22

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, **to turn from the holy commandment** delivered unto them.

22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the **dog is turned to his own vomit** again; ...

(Spiritual)

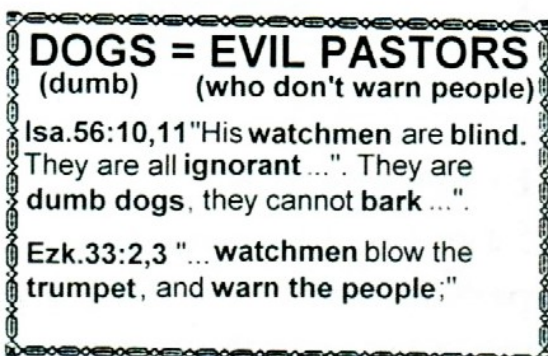
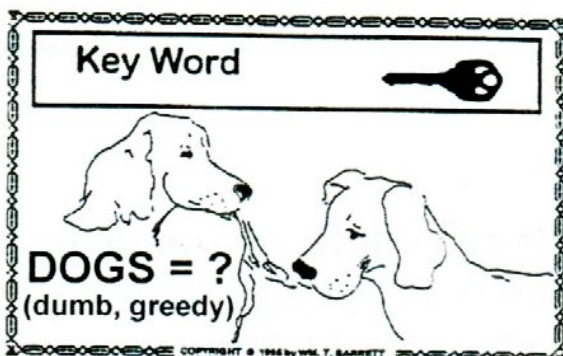
Dogs = Evil Workers



(Spiritual)

Dogs = Evil Pastors

(Dumb) (Who don't teach people the **truth**)



(Spiritual)

Swine = Wicked or "Unclean" Person

or ("cleansed" from their sins
(SOW) who then **returns** to their sins)

II Peter 2: 21,22

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to **turn** from the **holy commandment** delivered unto them.

22 But it happened unto **them** according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his vomit again; and the **sow** that **was washed** to her wallowing in the mire.

(Spiritual)

Washing = Cleansing From Sin

<p>Key Word </p> <p>WASH = ?</p>  <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1996 BY WIL T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>WASH = cleanse from sin</p> <p>Isa.1:16 "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil."</p>
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Ephesians 5: 5

5 For this ye know, that **no** whoremonger, nor **unclean person**, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Spiritual)

Wallowing = Returning To Sin After Being Cleansed
(in the mire)

II Peter 2:22

22...**sow** that was **washed** to her **wallowing** in the mire.

Hebrews 10: 26-29

26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under **foot** the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

(Spiritual)

Feet = The Actions Of A Person

<p>Key Word </p>  <p>FEET = ?</p> <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1986 by WIL. T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>FEET = the actions</p> <p>Ps.119:101</p> <p>"I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word."</p>
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Matthew 7:6

6 Give not that which is **holy** unto the dogs, neither cast ye your **pearls** before swine, lest they **trample them** “**under their feet**”, and turn again and rend you.

(Spiritual)

Put Under The Feet = To Have Power Over

Key Word 	PUT UNDER FOOT = have power over
 PUT UNDER FOOT = ?	1Cor.15:24,25 "...When he shall have put down all rule and authority and power . For he must reign til he hath put all enemies under his feet ."

Jeremiah 12:10

10 “Many **Pastors** have destroyed my vineyard, **they** have **trodden** my portion **under foot**, they have made **my** pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.”

(Spiritual)

To **Trample “Under The Feet”**

Or

To **Be Trodden Under Foot**

Means:

To have **Power** and **Authority** over something.

In the text, that which was **Holy**, was “**trampled under the feet**” of the “**dogs**” (**Evil Pastors**) and the “**swine**” (wicked people).

Thus, the parable is warning us, that **Evil Pastors** will take the **Holy** things of God, like **truth** found in the Bible and use their **Power** and **Authority** to **trample it** “under their feet” or **change it** to suit themselves!

Luke 8: 5

5 “A sower went out to sow his **seed**: and as he sowed, some fell by the **wayside**; and **it** was **trodden down**, and the fowls of the air devoured it.”

Comment

When the “**seed**” fell by the “wayside”... “**it**” was **trodden down**.” This means that the **Word** of truth (seed) that was presented to those listening (wayside hearers), was afterward, **changed** by Pastors and teachers **into false teachings** (trodden under foot).

Ezekiel 34: 18,19

18 “Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?
19 And as for my flock, they **eat** that which ye have **trodden** with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.”

Comment:

When Pastors and others who teach people the Word, **teach error or false doctrine**, they are “**treading God’s Word under foot**,” because they are presuming to have “dominion or power over it,” when **they change it**. (Jer. 12: 10; Ezk. 34: 18,19; Isa. 58: 13; Ps. 119: 101).

Holy

Revelation 15: 4

4 Who shall not fear thee,
O **Lord**, and glorify thy
name? For **thou only art**
Holy:....

↔

Only **God**
Is **Holy**.

Exodus 3: 4,5

4 AndGod called unto him
out of the midst of the bush,
and said, Moses,....
put off your shoes from
off thy **feet**, for the **place**
whereon thou standest is
Holy ground.

↔

God's presence
is what
makes any
"**thing**" **Holy**.
We are not to
"**tread on**"
Holy "things".

Exodus 35: 2

2 Six days shall work be done,
but on the seventh day there
shall be to you an holy **day**,
a **sabbath** of rest to the Lord:

↔

God's presence
makes even
a day or
Time Holy.

Isaiah 58: 13,14

13 If thou turn away **thy foot**
from **the sabbath**, from doing
thy pleasure on **my holy day**;
and call the sabbath a delight,
the holy of the Lord,....

↔

We are not to
"**tread on**"
(or **change**)
Holy Time.

Spiritual)

Holy (cont.)

II Timothy 3: 15-17

15 And that from a child thou hast known the **Holy**

Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

God's **presence** makes the

Bible Holy.

16 **All Scripture** is given by **inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Luke 8: 5,11

5 "A sower went out to sow his **seed**: and as he sowed, some fell by the **wayside**; and it was **trodden down**, and the fowls of the air devoured it."

We are not to

"tread on"

God's Holy **Words.**

11 "The **seed** is the **Word** of God."

(Spiritual)

Pearls

Job 28: 12, 13, 18,

12 But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?

13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

18 No mention shall be made ↔ of coral, or of **pearls**: for the **price of wisdom** is above rubies.

“Pearls” are **valuable** pieces of **information** that have to do with **Wisdom** and **understanding** that comes from the Lord.

Matthew 7: 6

6 Give not that which is ↔ holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your **pearls** before **swine**, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

“Pearls” are not to be given to (Spr.) **“Swine”** or people who **know Truth** but continue to **sin willfully**.

Matthew 13: 45,46

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, **seeking** goodly **pearls**: ↔
46 Who, when he had found one **pearl** of **great price**, went and **sold all** that he had, and ↔ **bought it**.

“Pearls” are obtained by **“seeking”** or **searching** for them.
“Pearls” will **cost you something**.

Thus, Spiritual **“pearls”** are the **valuable truths** of **wisdom** and **understanding** from God, that **we obtain** when we **invest our time** and **search the Scriptures**.

Rend Matt. 7:6...#4486

#4486 ρήσσω rhēssō

to break, crack, i.e. to **sunder** by **separation** of the parts

Let us not **rend** it... John 19: 24...#4977

#4977 σχίζω schizō

to **split** or sever or break, or **divide** or **rend**

Conclusions:

1. A Spiritual “**dog**” represents an **evil worker**.
A dumb “**dog**” that won’t bark represents a **Pastor** who refuses to tell the **truth** to people to warn them.
A “**dog**” that “**returns to his vomit**” represents a **person** that **learns truth**, **rejects** their **sinful life** for a while and then **turns around** and **returns to their old sinful life**.
2. A Spiritual “**swine**” represents someone who **knows** the **truth** and has been “**cleansed**” from their sins” and then turns around and commits the same sins all over again.
3. If something is “**holy**” it means that Gods **presence** is **in it**.
4. Spiritual “**pearls**” are valuable **truths** of wisdom and understanding that we obtain when we spend time and search the **Scriptures** or study the **Bible**.
5. To (Spiritually) “**trample** something **under foot**” or to “**tread it under foot**” means to take something **holy** and then **change it**. For instance to take part of **God’s Word** and **change it**.

Bible Text:

Matthew 7: 6

6 Give not that which is **holy** unto the **dogs**, neither cast ye your **pearls** before **swine**, lest they **trample them under their feet**, and turn again and **rend** you.

Final Paraphrase:

Don't waste your time teaching the **truths** of the **Holy Scriptures** to those who already **know the truth**, but by **their sinfulness**, show that they have **rejected the truth** (dogs). They will **not appreciate** the **value** of what you offer them (pearls). They will take the **truth** and **change it** to suite themselves (trample it under foot) and then turn upon you and cause a **division** or **separation** (rend) in the Church.

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of “The Pearls Cast Before Swine”)

1. **Holy** things are not to be given to (Spiritual) “**dogs**” who are **people** who already **know the truth** but by their **sinful lives** show that they have **rejected the truth**.
2. People who have been “**cleansed from their sins**” and then turn around and commit those sins all over again are (Spiritual) “**swine**” and like pigs that **were washed** who then **return** and **wallow** in the mud again.
3. “**Holy**” things are “things” that have God’s **presence** in them, like the Holy **Scriptures** or Holy **Time** when we worship God.
4. Spiritual “**pearls**” are **valuable truths** that we learn as we spend time searching the **Scriptures** or studying the **Bible**.
5. To (Spiritually) “**trample something under foot**” means to **have power over it**. To take something **holy** and “**trample it under foot**” means to take part of **God’s word** and then **change it**.
6. (Spiritual) “**dogs**” represent **wicked people** or “evil workers”. Even **Pastors** are called dumb “**dogs**”, when like a **dog** that **refuses to bark** to warn its master, **they refuse to warn the people** by **not teaching the truth**!
7. **Pastors** are guilty of “treading God’s Word under foot” when they take **God’s Word** and **change it** and then **teach things** that are **not true**. They are then teaching “their words” and **not “God’s words”**.

The Parable of:
The
“Light Of The Body
Is The Eye”

(The Truth a Church has
depends upon its Pastor)

The **Parable** of:

“The Light Of The Body Is The Eye”
(Matt. 6:22,23)

22. The **light** of the **body** is the **eye**: if therefore thine **eye** be **single**, thy whole **body** shall be full of **light**.

23. But if thine **eye** be **evil**, thy whole **body** shall be full of **darkness**. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Now, we will see what the word “**single**” means.

Single

1. One only 2. Solitary as opposed to double.

Thus, “single” means for the eye to look at only **one** thing and not two or more things.

Now, we will see what the Bible says

Col 3: 22

22 Servants, obey **in all things your masters** according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in **singleness** of heart, fearing God:

James 4: 8

8 Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye **double minded**.

Matt. 6: 24

24 No man can serve **two masters**: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

Thus, “**SINGLE**” means to “**serve one only**” or to “have only **one purpose**” or “one mind”.

We need to know **what causes** a person to become “doubled - minded” instead of “single - minded”.

Luke 16: 13, 11, 14

13 **No servant can serve two masters:** for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve **God** and **Mammon**.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous **mammon**, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

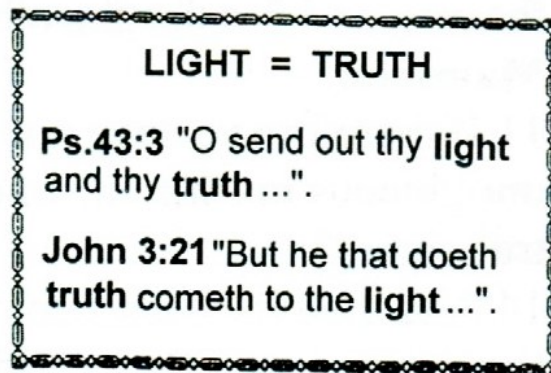
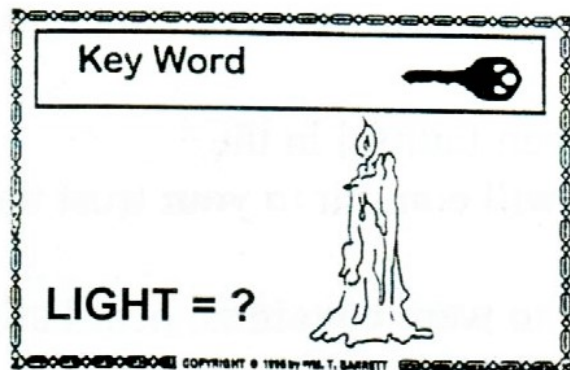
14 And the Pharisees also, who were **covetous**, heard all these things: and they derided him.

Thus, the “unrighteous mammon” or **riches** of this world can cause a person to become covetous and therefore “double - minded”. A person who is “**double - minded**” is someone who has made a “god” out of something, in this case “riches” and yet still **pretends to serve God**.

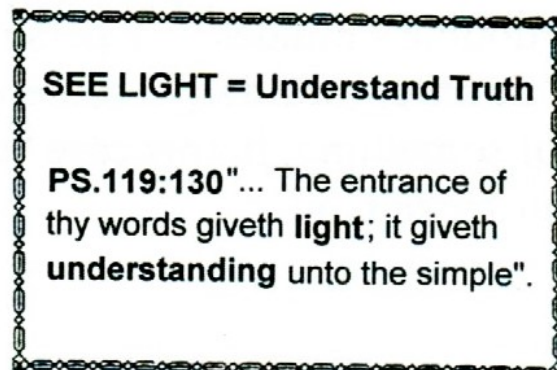
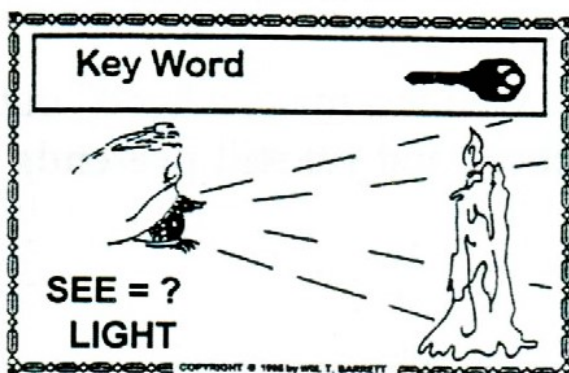
Now let's discover the Spiritual meaning of the **real objects** so that we can discover the Spiritual meaning of the Parable.

(Spiritual)

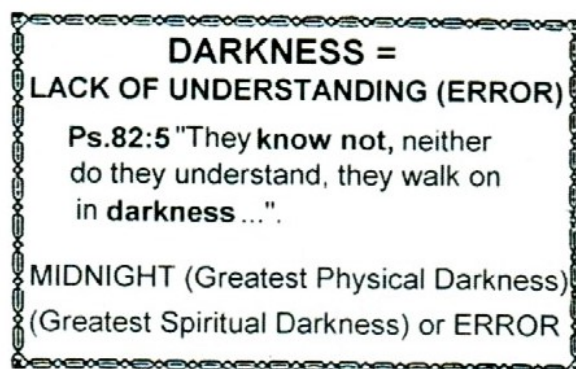
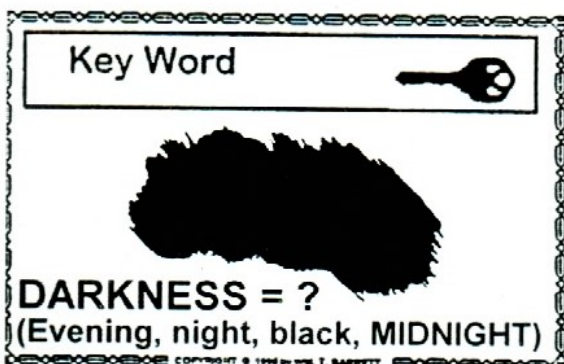
Light = Truth



To See Light = To Understand Truth



Darkness = Lack of Understanding



(Spiritual)

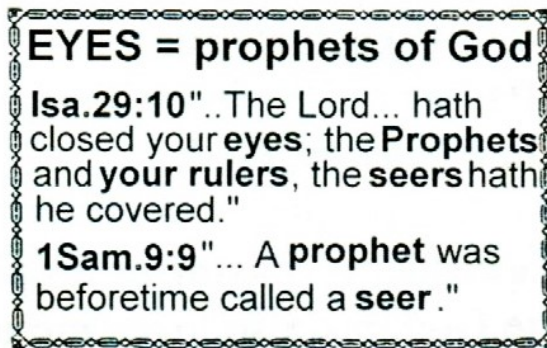
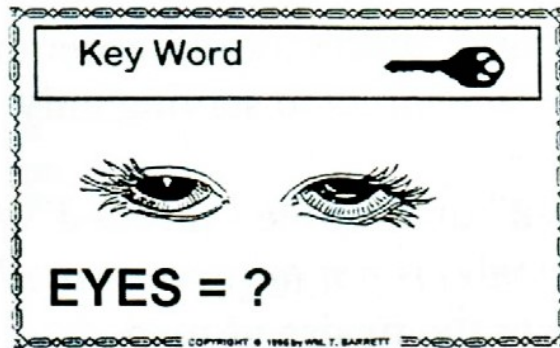
Body = The Church
(as a whole)

I Cor. 12: 27, 28

**27 Now ye are the body
of Christ....**

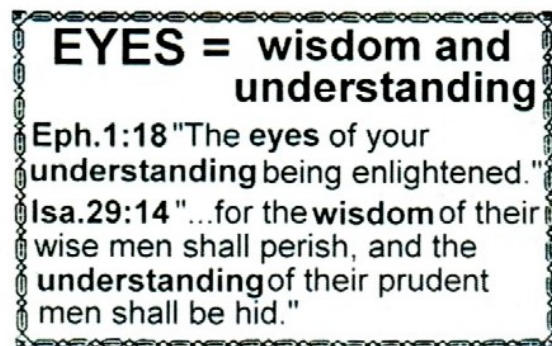
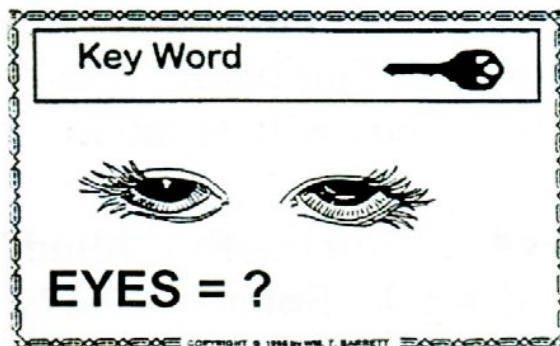
(Spiritual)

Eye = Prophet or Leader



(Spiritual)

Eye = Wisdom and Understanding
(Of Wise and Prudent Men)



Thus, the (Spiritual) "**eye**" of the church is its Prophet or Minister or **Pastor** who is supposed to **lead** the people **wisely**.

Conclusions:

1. (Spiritual) **Light** represents **Truth** and **understanding**.
2. The (Spiritual) **body** represents the **Church**.
3. The (Spiritual) **eye** represents the Leader or **Pastor** or Prophet of the Church.
4. A (Spiritual) **eye** that is “**single**” represents a Leader or **Pastor** or Prophet who is *fully committed* to serving only **one Master, God**.
5. A (Spiritual) **eye** that is “**evil**” or “**double - minded**” is a Leader or **Pastor** or Prophet who is *not fully committed* to God, but also loves **money** or the **praise of men**.
6. (Spiritual) **darkness** represents **lack of understanding** or **error** in belief.

Spiritual:

The (Spiritual) light of the (Spiritual) body is the **(Spiritual) eye**. If the (Spiritual) eye does not have “double – vision” but is “single” and (Spiritually) sees clearly, then, the whole (Spiritual) body will be full of (Spiritual) light.

But, if the **(Spiritual) eye** is **evil** or **(Spiritually) “blind”** or has “double–vision”, then the **whole (Spiritual) body** will be in **(Spiritual) darkness**. If the (Spiritual) “light” that is in you is really (Spiritual) darkness, **Great** is that **(Spiritual) darkness** or (Spiritual) blindness!

(Spiritual) Paraphrase:

1. The truth and understanding (light) of the church (body) depends upon its Pastor (eye): If the Pastor (eye) is fully committed (single) to serving God alone, then the whole Church (whole Body) will be full of Truth and Understanding (light). But if the **Pastor** (eye) is **evil** or **“not fully committed to God”** or “double minded”, then the Whole Church (whole body) will be full of Error and lack of understanding (darkness). The **“Truth”** (light) that is in **that Church** is **Error and Misunderstanding** (darkness), and Great is that lack of understanding of truth!

2. If a Church has a Spiritual leader that sees or understands Spiritual truth clearly, then the “whole Church” will be affected by the truth that the Spiritual leader understands and that Church will not Stumble Spiritually because it understands and obeys the truth. But a **Church** that has a **Spiritual leader** that is **Spiritually blind** and **does not understand the truth**, will stumble Spiritually and fall Spiritually because that Church does not understand the truth.

Matt. 15:14

14 Let them alone: they be **blind leaders** of the **blind**. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Isaiah 9:16

16 For the **leaders** of this people **cause them to err**; and they that are led of them are destroyed.

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of
“The Light of the body is the eye”)

Spiritual:

1. The amount of Truth and understanding that a **Church** has depends upon its leader or **Pastor**.
2. If the **Pastor** has a *full commitment* to serving only God, then the Church will be **full of Truth** and understanding.
3. If the **Pastor** has an “evil” or “double - mind” and tries to serve God and “**The mammon of unrighteousness**”, then the Church will be **full of error** and misunderstanding of Spiritual things.
4. The “mammon of unrighteousness” represents **covetousness** (Luke 16:9-15) which could relate to many things such as the “**love of money**” or “the love of the **praises of men** more than the praises of God”.
5. Even the “**Truth**” that the **Church** thinks it has, will really be **Great error** and **misunderstanding**.

The Parable Of:

The

***“Eye With A Beam
In It”***

(We are **not to Judge** others because
only God sees things as they really are)

The **Parable** of:

“The Eye With A Beam In It”
(Matthew 7:1-5)

Think About The **Physical**:

Matt.7: 1-3

PARAPHRASE:

1 Judge not, that ye
be not judged.

↔

1. If you judge
others you will
be judged.

2 For with what
judgment ye judge,
ye shall be judged:
and with what measure
ye mete, it shall be
measured to you again.

↔

2. The standard
which you use to
measure, will
become the
standard that you
are measured by.
The punishment
you handout will
become your
punishment.

3 And why beholdest
thou the mote that is in
thy brother's eye, but
considerest not the
beam that is in thine
own eye?

↔

3. Why do you
look at the **tiny**
splinter in your
brother's eye and
yet not think
about the **huge**
log in your own
eye

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Think About The Physical:

Matt. 7: 4,5

4 Or how wilt thou
say to thy brother,
Let me pull out the
mote out of thine eye;
and, behold, a beam
is in thine own eye?



PARAPHRASE:

4. Why do you
say to your
brother, Let me
pull out the **tiny**
splinter out of
your eye, while
a **huge log** is in
your own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first
cast out the beam out
of thine own eye; and
then shalt thou see
clearly to cast out
the mote out of thy brother's
eye.



5. You hypocrite,
first remove the
huge log out of
your own eye and
then you will see
clearly how to
remove the **tiny**
splinter from
your brother's
eye!

Think About The **Physical**:

Conclusions:

1. The main subject is judging others.
2. Our “eyesight” is not clear. There is something in our eyes. That prevents us from seeing clearly.
3. Because “our eyesight” is so poor, (huge log in our eye) we cannot see clearly to judge anyone else.
4. Our own “eyesight” needs to be improved (remove huge log) before we can help someone else with their “eyesight”.
5. Our “brother” with the **tiny splinter** in his eye will actually see things clearer than we do if we have a **huge log** in our eye!
6. We are not to judge others **because** we are **not capable** of seeing things clearly as they really are!!

I Cor. 13:12

12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

7. If we insist on judging others in spite of our “poor eyesight”, then **we will be judged** and the standard we use for measuring and the punishment we hand out will be the same for us.
8. Since it is physically impossible to have a huge log in our physical eye, the parable must be meant to be understood **Spiritually**.

Think About The **Spiritual**:

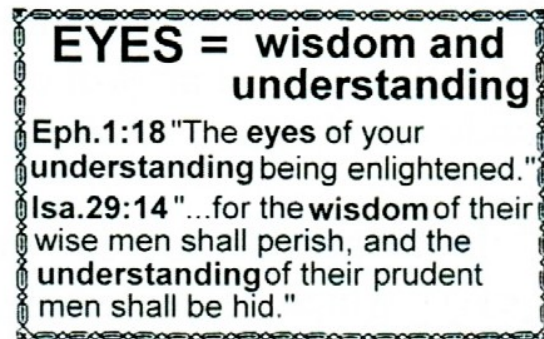
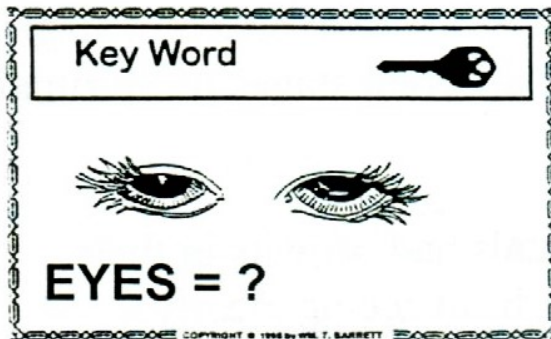
Conclusions:

1. The main subject of the parable was “**eyesight**” and our lack of eyesight being the reason we should not judge others.

2. Since it is physically impossible to have a “huge log” in our physical eye, then the “eyesight” being discussed must be our Spiritual “eyesight” and the “brother” being discussed must be a Spiritual “brother”.

3. (Spiritual)

Eyesight = Spiritual Understanding



Brother = Fellow Believer or Church Member

Matthew 12: 49,50

49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my **brethren!**

50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same **is my brother**, and sister, and mother.

So, Spiritual “**eyesight**” represents our **understanding** of **Spiritual things** and a Spiritual “**brother**” represents a fellow believer or Church member.

4. In the parable **neither person** had “perfect vision” or “clear eyesight”. Thus, the parable is telling us that none of us have perfect understanding of Spiritual things!

5. In the parable the one that **thought** he had the **best eyesight** and was trying to improve the eyesight of the other person, in reality had the poorest eyesight himself! Thus, the parable is telling us that we may **think** that we have a better Spiritual understanding than someone else when in fact **they** may **understand Spiritual Truth better than we do!**

6. In the parable they were **both “brothers”** so the parable is meant to relate to those who are “Spiritual brothers” or Church members, who are at different stages of their Spiritual growth or at different stages of Spiritual understanding.

7. In the parable both individuals had **objects** in their “eyes” which prevented them from seeing clearly. One individual had a “**mote**” or piece of **straw** (#2595) in his eye and the other had a “**beam**” or piece of timber or **wood** (#1385) in his eye. We need to discover the Spiritual meaning of “**straw**” and “**wood**”.

BIBLE TEXT

I Cor. 3:11-13

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, **wood**, **hay**, stubble;

13 Every man's **work** shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the **fire** shall try every man's **work** of what sort it is.



PARAPHRASE:

Gold, silver, precious stones and **wood**, **hay**, **stubble** represents a persons **work** of building upon the foundation that Jesus Christ has laid.



The "**fire**" will test or try every man's **work**. Spiritual "fire" represents God's Word, the **Bible**.

(Spiritual)

Fire = The Bible

Key Word



FIRE = ?



FIRE = God's Word
(The Bible)

Jer.23:29

"Is not My Word like a fire?"

Physical “**fire**” would physically **burn up** or **remove** physical **straw** or physical **wood**. Similarly, then Spiritual “**fire**” (the Bible) will **remove** the Spiritual **straw** and Spiritual **wood** that is in a persons Spiritual “**eyes**”.

Straw = Stubble - (What’s left after cutting the straw)

Exodus 5:11-12

11 Go ye, get ye straw where ye can find it: yet not aught of your work shall be diminished.

12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather **stubble** instead of **straw**.

Stubble

Or = Wicked People or **Wickedness**
Straw

Malachi 4: 1

1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and **all that do wickedly**, shall be **stubble**: and the day that cometh shall **burn them up**, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Wood = Wickedness Or Wicked People

(Not Seeking The Lord)

Psalms 83: 13-16

13 O my God, make **them** like a wheel; as the **stubble** before the wind.

14 As the fire burneth a **wood**, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;

15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with shame; **that they may seek thy name, O Lord.**

Jeremiah 5: 14

14 Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make **my words** in thy mouth **fire**, and this people **wood**, and it shall devour them.

So Spiritual "**straw**" or Spiritual "**wood**" represents **wickedness** or **sin**. Thus, the "**objects**" in the "eyes" of the individuals in the parable represented the **sins** or **wickedness** in the lives of the individuals. As the "objects" of "straw" and "wood" in the "eyes" prevented them from seeing clearly, so wickedness or sin in our life prevents us from **clear Spiritual understanding**. As the objects of "straw" or "wood" are removed by "**fire**" so in our lives **sin** or **wickedness** is **removed** as we study the **Bible** and **understand** truth more clearly.

Doctrinal truth (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of
“The Eye With The Beam In It”)

1. No one in the Church has perfect understanding of Spiritual things.
2. The reason that we do not have perfect understanding is because of **sin** in our life.
3. The greater the **amount of sin** in a persons life, the **less** they will be able to understand Spiritual things.
4. As we study the **Bible** our understanding of Spiritual things is **increased**, and as we **follow** its teachings, **sin** is **removed** from our life.
5. Because of **sin** in our **own life** we **cannot see clearly** to **judge** the **sin** in another persons life.
(Only someone without sin (Jesus) could judge fairly).
6. If we insist on “judging the sin” in the lives of others, we will be judged by the same standard we use and the same punishment we hand out will become our punishment.

The Parable of:

The

***“Right Hand Cut
Off”***

(Powerful Leaders must sometimes be
Removed from Church Leadership positions)

The **Parable** of:

“The Right Hand Cut Off”

(Matt. 5:30)

30 And if thy **right hand** offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy **members** should perish, and not that thy whole **body** should be cast into hell.

Let's look at this text “**Physically**” first:

Our (physical) “right hand” is used to (physically) care for the individual (physical) “members” (feet, arm, etc.) of our whole (physical) “body”.

In the text the “right hand” “**offends**” the body, instead of taking care of it. The word “**offend**” we previously learned in the parable of the “right eye plucked out”, means to sin against or cause to sin. Thus the “hand” is doing something (sinning) that causes the “rest of the body” to **physically suffer**.

For instance a “hand” could be used to hold a bottle of alcohol that would cause the rest of the mind and body to lose control and have a car accident, which could cause (physical) pain or suffering to the whole (physical) body. Physically it would be better for a person to have their “right hand” (physically) cut off so that they were unable to hold a bottle of alcohol, instead of having a car accident which could kill them and thus effect their whole physical body!

Thus, on the surface the text says literally or **physically**:

Paraphrase:

If our “right hand” causes us to sin against (offend) our own body, then it would be better for us to remove our right hand (cut off) than to have our whole body suffer physical pain and die, because of our “right hand”.

Physically, this parable teaches us that **what** we physically do with our **hands** will affect our entire or **whole physical body**. We can **take care** of our physical body or we can abuse (offend) our physical body.

What **we** decide to do with our “**right hand**” will affect our body **now** and **later** and will determine if we are **cast into hell** or **receive eternal life**.

This agrees with statements that Paul made:

I Cor.6: 19

19 What? Know ye not that **your body** is the temple of the **Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

I Cor. 3: 16,17

16 Know ye not that **ye are** the **temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 **If any man defile** the **temple** of God, **him** shall **God destroy**; for the temple of God is holy, which **temple ye are**.

Now let's look at the "**Spiritual**" meaning of this parable

Matt. 5: 30

30 And if thy **right hand offend** thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy **members** should perish, and not that thy whole **body** should be cast into hell.

Our (physical) "right hand" is used to (physically) care for the individual (physical) "members" (feet, arm, etc.) of our whole (physical) "body".

Similarly a (**Spiritual**) "**right hand**" is used to (Spiritually) care for the individual (Spiritual) "members" of the **whole (Spiritual) body**.

In the previous parable about the "right eye" being plucked out, we discovered the (Spiritual) meaning of everything in this new verse except the (Spiritual) meaning of the "right hand". We will quickly review the results of the previous study and then discover the **Spiritual meaning** of the "**right hand**".

Review:

(Spiritual)

Body = The Church
(as a whole)

I Cor.12: 27,28

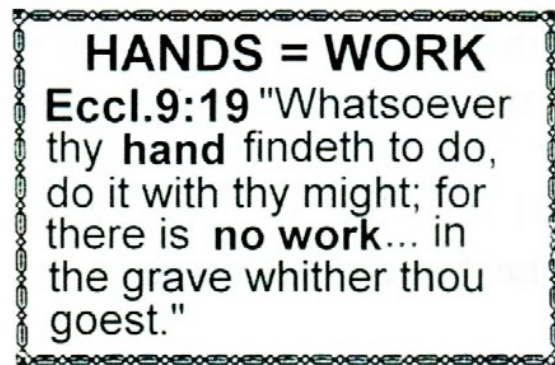
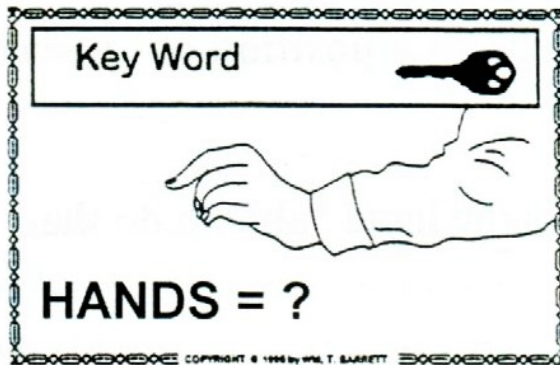
(Spiritual)

Members = Individual
Persons
(in the Church)

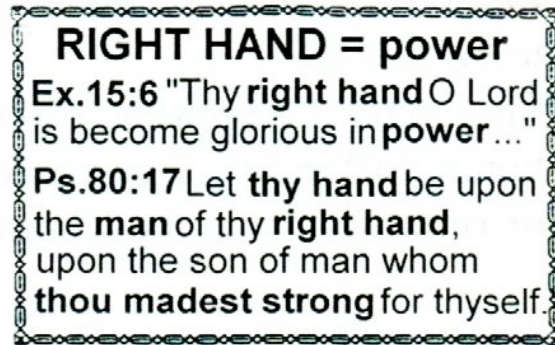
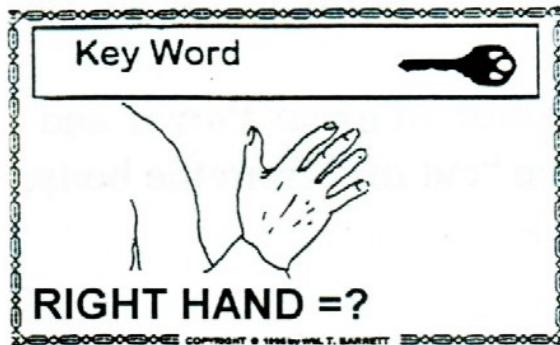
27 Now **ye** are the **body**
of **Christ**, and **members**
in particular.

(Spiritual)

Hand = Work or a Worker



Right hand = Power or a Powerful Worker



Mark 10: 36, 37

36 And He said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

37 They said unto Him, **Grant unto us** that we may sit, one on thy **right hand**, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

Thus, (Spiritually) the "**right hand**" represents a position of "**honor and power**" or of "**greatness**" in the Church.

Since (Spiritually) the “body” and its “members” represents the Church and individual persons in the Church, then the “**right** hand” would represent an **individual** in the church who holds a **position** of “**power** and honor or even “greatness”.

(Literally), the “**right** hand” is the hand “able to do the **best** and **most work**”

(Spiritually), the “**right** hand” represents a **person** in the **Church** in a position of **Power** who is capable of doing the **most** and **best work** for the Lord.

In the Parable, The “**right** hand” “**offended**” and so was to be “cut off”.

Similarly, if a **person** in a position of **great Power** and honor “**offends**”, they are to be “cut off” from the body, or **removed** from the Church.

Conclusions:

- 1.The “**right** hand” represents a **person** in the **Church** who is in a position of **Power** and great influence over many people.
- 2.The “**body**” represents the **whole Church**.
- 3.The “**member**” represents an individual **person** in the Church.
- 4.To “**offend**” means to sin or openly break one of God’s Laws and to **cause** others **to sin** by their example.
- 5.To “**cut off**” the **right** hand from the **body**, means to “**remove**” a **powerful** person from their position in the **Church**.

When Jesus said; “And if thy **right** hand ‘offend’ thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell”.

He was (Spiritually) saying:

Paraphrase

If a person in a powerful position in the Church openly breaks one of God’s commandments, and causes others to break that commandment, that person should be removed from the Church, otherwise he could cause the entire Church to be lost or “cast into hell”.

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of “The Right Hand Cut Off”)

Physical:

1. What we do with our “right hand” affects our **whole physical body**, or putting it another way, our actions affect our **entire physical body**.
2. We can ***take care** of our (physical) body or we can **abuse** our (physical) body. What we decide or choose to do, affects our physical body **now** and **later** will determine if we are cast into hell or receive eternal life.
3. Our (physical) **body** is the temple of God and if we **defile** our **body** or “Gods’ temple”, God will destroy us.
4. We must learn to control our actions (right hand) and stop doing things that hurt us. (Cut off the right hand)
5. It is better to exercise self-control than to be “cast into hell”.

*** The 8 Laws of Good Health**

1. **Nutrition** – Eat a variety of: fruits, grains, nuts, vegetables, and protein.
2. **Water** – Drink 6-8 glasses per day.
3. **Fresh Air** – Breath deeply.
4. **Sunlight** – Benefits the body in many ways.
5. **Exercise** – Retards aging and keeps muscles strong.
6. **Rest** – Get 7-8 hours of sleep per night.
7. **Temperance** – Avoid excess in anything and avoid alcohol, tobacco, and caffeine.
8. **Trust** – In the power of God.

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of “The Right Hand Cut Off”)

Spiritual:

1. There are “positions” in the Church that are very important.
2. People in these “positions” are very powerful and have great influence over many people.
3. If a person in a “powerful” position in the Church openly breaks one of God’s Laws, his example could cause many people to break that same Law and be lost or “cast into hell”.
4. It will be difficult to remove such a person from his “position” of power, but it must be done in order to prevent the “whole Church” from being lost.
5. It is better that one member of the Church be lost, rather than the whole Church being “cast into hell”.

The *Parable* of:
The
Forgotten
Restingplace

(The **Forgotten Rest** of God)

The Parable of:

“The Forgotten Restingplace”

JEREMIAH 50:6

6 “My people hath been lost **sheep** : their **shepherds** have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the **mountains** : they have gone from **mountain** to **hill**, they have forgotten their **restingplace**.”

In this Parable the Lord has revealed **valuable truth**,
But once again it is hidden and can only be understood as
we discover the Spiritual meanings of the *Real Objects*
used in the Parable.

REAL OBJECTS and KEY WORDS


Sheep, Shepherds

lost, astray

Mountain, Hill

restingplace

Who do the “**sheep**” represent ?

<p>Key Word </p>  <p>SHEEP = ?</p> <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1988 by WIL T. BARNETT</small></p>	<p>SHEEP = God's people</p> <p>Psalm 79 :13 "So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks forever..."</p>
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THE “**SHEEP**” represent **GOD'S PEOPLE**

Who do the “shepherds” represent ?

<p>Key Word </p>  <p>SHEPHERDS = ?</p> <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1986 by WIL T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>SHEPHERDS = Pastors (Ministers)</p> <p>Jere.23:1 "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord".</p> <p>Jer.50:6 "My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray..."</p>
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THE “*SHEPHERDS*” represent the *MINISTERS* OR *PASTORS*

What do the “mountains” represent ?

<p>Key Word </p>  <p>MOUNTAINS or HILLS = ?</p> <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1986 by WIL T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>MOUNTAINS or HILLS = God's word (Old and New Testament)</p> <p>Joel 3:18 "...the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk..."</p> <p>Heb.5:12 "...The milk of the word".</p> <p>Song of Sol.8:2 "... instruct me : I would... drink... wine..."</p> <p>Wine comes from the mountains. (Doctrine comes from God's word).</p> <p>Milk comes from the hills. (Basic gospel comes from God's word).</p>
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The “Mountains” or Spiritual High Place represents **God's Word** (The Bible).


What does the “hill” represent ?

<p>Key Word </p>  <p>MOUNTAIN or HILL = ?</p> <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1986 by WIL T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>MOUNTAIN or HILL = man's word</p> <p>Luke 3:4-5 "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet... every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low..."</p> <p>Isa.2:14,17 "And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up... And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down..."</p>
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The “hill” or Spiritual low place represents **man's word** (words of a Minister).

What does it mean to “go astray” ?

Key Word 




THE WAY = ?
(The Path - The Truth)

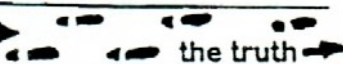
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THE WAY = JESUS


John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way ...".

Ps 25 :4-5 "Shew me thy way
O Lord teach me thy paths
Lead me in thy truth

Key Word 

THE WAY →  the truth →

ASTRAY = ?



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go ASTRAY =
leave the true "way" or truth

Isa.53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way".

2 Peter 2:15 "Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray".

TO GO “ASTRAY” MEANS TO LEAVE THE *RIGHT WAY* OR THE “TRUTH” AND TO FOLLOW A PATH OF ERROR OR **FALSE TEACHING** THAT WILL RESULT IN BEING “**LOST**” !



What condition are the sheep in ?

THE “SHEEP” ARE **LOST** !

JEREMIAH 50 : 6 My people hath been **lost sheep** :
their shepherds have caused them to go astray,...

Why are the sheep lost ?

JEREMIAH 50 : 6 My people hath been **lost** sheep :
their **shepherds** have *caused them* to go astray,...

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THE "**SHEPHERDS**" HAVE *CAUSED* THE SHEEP
TO BE "LOST" OR TO GO ASTRAY!

THE **PASTORS** AND **MINISTERS** HAVE *CAUSED*
GOD'S PEOPLE (SHEEP) TO BE **LOST** !

What is the "job" of a "**shepherd**" ?

PSALMS 23

THE LORD *is* my **shepherd** ; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures : he

leadeth me beside the still waters.

THE "JOB" OF A SPIRITUAL **SHEPHERD** IS TO
LEAD THE PEOPLE (SHEEP) IN THE RIGHT WAY
OR THE PATH OF TRUTH.

How does a “shepherd” **lead** sheep ?

JOHN 10 : 2 But he that entereth in by the door is the **shepherd** of the sheep. **3** To him the porter openeth ; and the sheep hear his **voice** ; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and **leadeth them** out. **4** And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the *sheep follow him* : for they know his **voice**.

A shepherd **leads** his sheep with **his voice**.
Just as a sheep follows the voice of the shepherd,
Similarly, **people** follow the **voice** of their **Minister**.
They do what **he tells them** to do.

What have the **shepherds** done to the *sheep* ?

JEREMIAH 50 : 6 My **people** hath been lost sheep :
their **shepherds** have *caused* them to go astray,
they have turned them away on the mountains:
they have gone from *mountain* to *hill*,....

The “shepherds” or **Ministers** have :

Caused the people to “go astray” or to leave
the “right way” or the truth and to **follow false**
teachings instead of the truth.

Caused the people to go from a “high place”
(mountain) to a “lower place”(hill).

The people have gone from following **God’s Word**
(high place) to following **man’s word**(lower place).
They do what their Minister says to do instead of what
God says to do.

What have the “sheep” **forgotten**?

JEREMIAH 50

6 My people hath been lost sheep : their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains : they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their **restingplace**.

The “sheep” have forgotten their “**restingplace**”.

A “*restingplace*” is something that would provide Physical Rest for Physical sheep and something that would provide Spiritual Rest for Spiritual “sheep” or people.

Let’s see what the Bible says about **Spiritual Rest**.

HEBREWS 4 : 3 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, and God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

5 And in this place again, if they shall enter into my rest.

9 There *remainth* therefore a **rest** to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Thus, the Bible says that the **restingplace** of God is **His 7th day Sabbath** and He invites **us** to enter into **His Rest** with Him. Clearly, the “restingplace” of the “sheep” or God’s people is to be with Him in the Sabbath Rest.

The Bible verse we have been studying said that the “sheep” or people had **forgotten** their “**restingplace**”. In other words this Bible Parable is predicting that the *7th day Sabbath Rest* of God’s people would be “**forgotten**” by them!!! Let’s see if this has happened.

The Ten Commandments (**Exodus 20 : 3-17**)

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| (1) | 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me | <u>1</u> ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (2) | 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. | <u>2</u> ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| | 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them or serve them : for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God... | |
| (3) | 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. | <u>3</u> ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (4) | 8 Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy | <u>4</u> MOST MINISTERS |
| | 9 Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work | DO NOT ACCEPT THE |
| | 10 But the <u>seventh day</u> is the <u>Sabbath</u> of the Lord thy God : in it thou shalt not do any work. Thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, that is within thy gates. | <u>7TH DAY SABBATH</u> |
| | 11 <u>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth</u> , the sea and all that in them is, and rested the <u>seventh day</u> wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. | |
| (5) | 12 Honor thy father and thy mother : that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. | <u>5</u> ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (6) | 13 Thou shalt not kill | <u>6</u> ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (7) | 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery | <u>7</u> ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (8) | 15 Thou shalt not steal | <u>8</u> ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (9) | 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor | <u>9</u> ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (10) | 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor’s | <u>10</u> ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |

Clearly the “shepherds” or **Ministers** have rejected the **7th day Sabbath Rest** and as a result the “sheep” or God’s people have **forgotten** their “*restingplace*”.

We have seen that the Bible's prediction has come true, now let's see if we can discover **what caused** the "sheep" or God's people to **forget** the 7th day Sabbath Rest.

We know from our previous study that it was the "**shepherds**" that caused the "sheep" to go astray and therefore to forget their restingplace. So, we would expect that sometime in the past the "Church" made this change. Lets see if we are right.

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THE OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY AND CIVIL LAWS
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"The **Sunday**, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public **worship** of Almighty God ; to be sanctified by a suspension of all servile labor, trade, and worldly avocations and by exercises of devotion, is **purely a creation of the Catholic Church**.

The day and the regulations have **no logical basis** except the authority of the Catholic Church.

In the **primitive days** of fervor and piety all days were so consecrated by exercises of devotion that **no special command for the sanctification of the first day is traced**.

This became **gradually obligatory**, although the command was not at first peremptory. The Council of Laodicea, in 364 A.D., defines : "That *Christians must not Judaize and refrain from manual labor on Saturday, but work on that day* ; and that, **preferring the Lord's day, they must then rest**, if this can be done, as becomes Christians".

The **Church** thus began by **calling her children to sanctify the first day of the week**, that on which God the Son rose from the dead, that, on which God the Father began the creation of the world, and God the Holy Ghost descended on the Apostles. **Constantine** lent the **power of the state** to **enforce the regulations** of the **Church**, and the **civil law** began to **enforce the spiritual decrees**. **He commanded the Lord's day to be observed by all** as a festival and **day of rest**.

Protestantism, in discarding the authority of the Church, **has no good reason** for its **Sunday theory**, and ought, logically, to **keep Saturday** as the Sabbath, with the Jews and Seventh-Day Baptists."

Thus, the **Catholic Church** is clearly *responsible* for accomplishing the change of the days of worship !

Men and women did **not** willingly change from the 7th **day** to the 1st **day**.

They were forced by civil laws of the government, enforcing the decrees of the Catholic Church, to *make the change* or suffer the penalty of the law !

According to the Catholic Church, “nothing in Scripture requires the change or justifies it”.

Most of the Protestant world has *accepted* the **change** of worship days from the 7th to the 1st day *without* having a **Biblical** basis for the change.

Now we are ready for a **final Paraphrase** of our Bible text.

THE LOST SHEEP THAT HAVE FORGOTTEN THEIR **RESTINGPLACE**

JEREMIAH 50

6 My people hath been lost sheep : their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains : they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

PARAPHRASE :

My people are **lost people** (sheep) !

Their **Pastors** and **Ministers** (Shepherds) have **caused** them to leave the truth and accept their false teachings (go astray).

They have **misled them** (turned them away) in the **churches**.

They have convinced the people to accept **their words** (hill) instead of **God's Word** (mountain).

They have told them to **forget** the **7th day Sabbath** (forgotten "restingplace") of the LORD and to "remember" instead the **1st day SUNDAY** !

The Parable of:

The Lost Piece

of

Silver

(The Lost Commandment of God)

The Parable of:

“The Lost Piece of Silver”

LUKE 15

8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it* ? **9** And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me ; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Comments:

In this parable a Physical woman has **lost** something of great Physical value to her. She spares nothing in order to recover what she has lost. This parable will then be about a Spiritual woman (church) that has **lost** something of great Spiritual value and must spare no effort until she has recovered what she has lost.

Lets take a moment and think about this parable.

Since the solution to the problem is to to use *Physical light* (candle) to search for the lost item, then the parable will be about using ***Spiritual light*** to find the missing item.

Since the solution to the problem also requires removing *Physical dust* (sweeping), then the parable will be about removing ***Spiritual dust*** in order to see the missing item.

Since the missing item is a piece of *Physical silver*, then the parable will be about recovering a piece of ***Spiritual silver*** that has been lost.



Since the piece of Physical silver was lost in the *Physical house*, then the parable will be about a piece of Spiritual silver that has been lost in the *Spiritual house* or Church.

Jesus always reveals **valuable truth** to us in His Parables, but once again it is hidden and can only be understood as we discover the Spiritual meanings of the *Real Objects* used in the parable.

REAL OBJECTS and KEY WORDS



woman, candle light a candle, *darkness
silver, 10 pc of silver sweep, *dust

Who does the “**woman**” represent ?

<p>Key Word </p> <p>WOMAN = ? (Pure, dressed in white)</p> 	<p>WOMAN = God's Church (Pure) (True Church)</p> <p>Isa.54:5,6 "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name... the Lord hath called thee, as a woman... and a wife..."</p> <p>Rev.19:7,8 "...the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife... arrayed in fine linen, clean and white..."</p>
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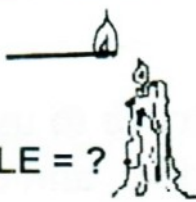
THE “**WOMAN**” REPRESENTS THE “**CHURCH**”

What does the “**candle**” represent ?

<p>Key Word </p> <p>CANDLE = ?</p> 	<p>CANDLE = GOD'S WORD (The Bible)</p> <p>Ps.119:105 "Thy word is a *candle unto my feet, and a light unto my path".</p> <p>*candle = Hebrew word lamp = English word</p>
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THE “**CANDLE**” REPRESENTS THE “**BIBLE**” (God's Word)

What does it mean to “**light**” a candle ?

<p>Key Word </p> <p></p> <p>LIGHT A CANDLE = ?</p> <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1998 by WIL T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>LIGHT A CANDLE = Study the Bible to understand truth</p> <p>Ps.18:28 "For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness</p>
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TO “**STUDY**” THE “**BIBLE**” (TO UNDERSTAND TRUTH)

What does “**light**” represent ?

<p>Key Word </p> <p></p> <p>LIGHT = ?</p> <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1998 by WIL T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>LIGHT = TRUTH</p> <p>Ps.43:3 "O send out thy light and thy truth ...".</p> <p>John 3:21 "But he that doeth truth cometh to the light ...".</p>
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“**LIGHT**” represents “**TRUTH**”

<p>Key Word </p> <p></p> <p>DARKNESS = ? (Evening, night, black, MIDNIGHT)</p> <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1998 by WIL T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>DARKNESS = LACK OF UNDERSTANDING (ERROR)</p> <p>Ps.82:5 "They know not, neither do they understand, they walk on in darkness ...".</p> <p>MIDNIGHT (Greatest Physical Darkness) (Greatest Spiritual Darkness) or ERROR</p>
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What does “**darkness**” represent ?

“**DARKNESS**” REPRESENTS “**ERROR**”
(Lack of Understanding)

What does the “**house**” represent ?

<p>Key Word </p>  <p>HOUSE = ?</p> <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1988 by WIL T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>HOUSE = Church (God's people)</p> <p>Hebrews 3:6 "But Christ a son over His own house; whose house are we ..."</p>
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THE “**HOUSE**” represents THE “**CHURCH**”

What does the “**silver**” represent ?

<p>Key Word </p>  <p>SILVER = ?</p> <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1988 by WIL T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>SILVER = Words of God 10 Commandments and Bible</p> <p>Psm.12:6 "The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times".</p>
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THE “**SILVER**” REPRESENTS THE “**WORDS**” OF GOD
(THE BIBLE AND 10 COMMANDMENTS)

What does “**dust**” or “**sand**” or “**clay**” represent?

Job 10:9 “Remember..thou hast made **me** as the **clay**: and wilt thou bring **me** into **dust** again?”

Joshua 11:4 “...much **people**, even as the **sand** upon the seashore.”

“**DUST**” or “**SAND**” or “**CLAY**” REPRESENTS

MAN and the “**WORDS**” of MEN

Now that we know the Spiritual meanings of the Real Objects in the parable, we are ready to substitute those meanings back into the parable so that we can understand the Spiritual meaning of the parable.

We now know that the parable is really about the Church (woman) using the Bible(light) to discover part of God's Words(silver) that she has lost.

In order to discover the missing Words of God the Church must remove(sweep) the words of men(dust) that have been hiding part of God's Words(silver).

The parable also told us that it is the Church(house) itself that is responsible for losing part of God's Words(silver) because of its lack of understanding (darkness).

What we yet need to discover is **what** Words of God are missing? Since "silver" is the object that Jesus used to represent God's missing Words, we need to once again look at the Spiritual meaning of "silver".

Psalms 119:72 "The **law** of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and **silver**."

This Bible verse tells us that God's **Law(10 Com.)** is like **silver**. Now we know why there were **10 pieces** of **silver** in the parable! 10pieces=10Commandments.

The parable told us that **one** of the pieces of silver was **lost**. Thus, the parable is telling us that **one** of the Commandments of God would be **lost**! Now we need only to examine the 10 Com. to see *which* is **missing**.

The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20 : 3-17)

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| (1) | 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me | 1 ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (2) | 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. | 2 ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| | 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them or serve them : for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God... | |
| (3) | 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. | 3 ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (4) | 8 Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy | 4 MOST MINISTERS |
| | 9 Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work | DO NOT ACCEPT THE |
| | 10 But the <u>seventh day</u> is the <u>Sabbath</u> of the Lord thy God : in it thou shalt not do any work. Thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, that is within thy gates. | <u>7TH DAY SABBATH</u> |
| | 11 <u>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth</u> , the sea and all that in them is, and rested the <u>seventh day</u> wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. | |
| (5) | 12 Honor thy father and thy mother : that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. | 5 ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (6) | 13 Thou shalt not kill | 6 ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (7) | 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery | 7 ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (8) | 15 Thou shalt not steal | 8 ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (9) | 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor | 9 ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |
| (10) | 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's | 10 ✓ ALL MINISTERS ACCEPT |

It is clear as we examine the 10 Commandments that the **one Law** or one Commandment that has been "**Lost**" is the **4th Commandment** which specifies which day that God says we are to worship him on.

Men's words(dust) have hidden God's Words(silver) and the Church has replaced the command of God to keep the 7th day(Saturday) holy with a command of men to keep the 1st day(Sunday) holy.

History tells us exactly how and when this change was made by the Church.

THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC QUARTERLY REVIEW
Volume VIII
FROM JANUARY to OCTOBER, 1883
THE OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY AND CIVIL LAWS
FOR ITS ENFORCEMENT. 139

“The **Sunday**, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public **worship** of Almighty God ; to be sanctified by a suspension of all servile labor, trade, and worldly avocations and by exercises of devotion, is purely a creation of the Catholic Church.”

“The Council of Laodicea, in 364 A.D, defines : “That *Christians must not Judaize and refrain from manual labor on Saturday, but work on that day* ; and that, preferring the Lord’s day, they must then rest, if this can be done, as becomes Christians”.

“The **Church** thus began by **calling her children** to **sanctify** the **first day** of the week, that on which God the Son rose from the dead, that, on which God the Father began the creation of the world, and God the Holy Ghost descended on the Apostles. **Constantine** lent the power of the state to **enforce** the **regulations** of the **Church**, and the *civil law* began to **enforce** the **spiritual decrees**. He commanded the Lord’s day to be observed by all as a festival and day of rest.”

Thus, we see from this historical document exactly how the change of worship days was made. Once the change was made, the churches have continued to promote the keeping of Sunday because it has become a “tradition of men” even though it cannot be solidly defended from the Bible.

The question now is “Can we still honor God by worshipping Him on another day than the day that He has specified that we should worship Him on?”

Let’s take one last look at the 10 Commandments and see if we can answer this question

The Ten Commandments (**Exodus 20 : 3-17**)

(1) “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

This commandment is very plain. We are not to commit idolatry by worshipping another god.

(2) “Thou shalt ***not make*** unto thee any **graven image**, or **any likeness** of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth...”

This commandment is not as plain. Lets see what the Bible means by “**graven image**” by looking in the Concordance for other Bible texts using this word.

Exodus 32: 15,16 “And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the *two tables of testimony* were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides: on the one side and on the other side were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, **graven** upon the tables.”

The 2nd Commandment told us:

(2) “Thou shalt ***not make*** unto thee any **graven image**, or **any likeness** of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath,…”

An “**image**” is something made in the likeness of something else. The 4th Com. “**graven**” on tables of stone by God, specifies worship on the 7th **day**(Saturday). The Church has made an “**image**” or “likeness” of God’s Com. by specifying worship on the 1st **day**(Sunday) and enforced its “commandment” by Civil law.

By worshipping on **any other day** than what God has specified in the 4th Commandment, the Church *causes* people to commit IDOLATRY because they are worshipping an “**image**” of God’s Commandment which has been “**graven**” by man!!

Clearly, we have the answer to our question of ;
“Can we still honor God by worshiping Him on another day than the day that He has specified that we should worship Him on?

Jesus addressed the Church leaders of His day with a question.

“Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother...But ye say, “Whosoever shall say..honour not his father and mother, he shall be free.” Thus have ye made the commandment of God of of none effect by your tradition. ...But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” Matthew 15:3-9

Now we see why Jesus has repeatedly warned us in his parables to base all our beliefs on **God’s Words** instead of **men’s words**. The last *blessing* of Jesus in the Bible is found in the last chapter of the Bible as He blesses commandment keepers. Rev. 22: 14-16 “**Blessed** are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerors, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. **I Jesus** have sent my angel to testify these things in the churches..”

Now it is time for our **final Paraphrase** of the Parable.

The **Parable** of: The Lost Piece of Silver LUKE 15

8 Either what woman having **ten pieces** of **silver**, if she lose one piece, doth not **light a candle**, and **sweep** the **house**, and seek diligently till she find *it* ? **9** And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me ; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Paraphrase:

What Church(woman) having the **10 Com.**(10 pc /silver), if the Church(he) loses 1 Com.(1 pc), does not study the Bible(light a candle) and remove the teachings of men(sweep away dust) from the Church(house) and seek diligently until the Church(he) **finds** the **lost Com.**(it)? And when the Church(he) has found the lost Com.(it), the Church(he) calls her friends and her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have **found** the **4th Commandment** (piece) which I had lost.

Summary:

We have seen how Jesus in the Parable of “The Lost Piece of Silver” has **warned us** that the “Church” would **lose one of the Commandments** and history has verified that it happened just as Jesus said it would.

The “**Good News**” is that in the same Parable, Jesus has also told us that the “woman” would **find** the **lost pc** of silver!! Thus Jesus has told us that **His People** would re-discover the **4th Commandment** and in turn would re-discover the **7th day Sabbath Truth!!**

The Parable of:

***“The Woman Who
Put Leaven In Three
Measures of Meal”***

(The 3 Messages to Go to Everyone)

The **Parable** of:

“The Woman Who Put Leaven
In Three Measures of Meal”
(Matthew 13:33-35)

Matthew 13:33-35

33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto **leaven**, which a **woman** took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in **parables**; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Comments:

In the parable Jesus has used a woman baking bread to illustrate some hidden Truth that He wants us to discover. Let us “**search** as for **hid treasure**” (Prov. 2:4) so that we can understand and **find** the **knowledge** of God. (Prov. 2:5)

Comparing the Scripture:

We will begin our study by “**searching**” the **Bible** to find out if there are any similar stories or Bible verses.

Using Strong’s Concordance and the word “**meal**” we find that in Genesis 18:1-6 there is a **similar story**.

— **Genesis 18:1-6**

1 And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of
— Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;
2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, **three men**
stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet
— them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the
ground,
— 3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy
sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:
4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your
— feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:
5 And I will fetch a morsel of **bread**, and comfort ye
— your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are
ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou
hast said.
— 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto **Sarah**, and
said, make ready quickly **three measures of fine meal**,
— knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

— The “story” in Gen. 18 has confirmed our thought that
— the **woman** in the parable of Matthew 13:33 is *baking*
bread. Notice the similarities in the two examples:

— **Matt 13:33**

— **Woman** hid leaven in **three measures** of meal.

— **Gen. 18:1-6**

— **Woman** (Sarah) took **three measures** of fine meal and
made *three loaves* or cakes of bread for three men.

Now we need to identify the Real Objects in the parable so that we can discover their **Spiritual meanings**. Then we can substitute those Spiritual meanings back into the parable to discover the hidden Spiritual meaning of the parable.

The Real Objects are:

woman, leaven,

three measures of meal or (three loaves of bread).

What does the “**woman**” represent?

Isaiah 54:5, 6 “Thy maker is thy husband, the Lord of hosts is His name....the Lord hath called thee as a woman....and a wife...”

The “**woman**” represents the **church**.

What does “**bread**” represent?

Matthew 4:4 “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”.

“**Bread**” represents the **Word** of God.

If there was only “one measure of meal” or one loaf of bread, then we would conclude that one loaf of bread represents the Bible. In this parable there are three loaves of bread and we know that there are **not three Bibles**, so the **three loaves** must represent:

God’s Word in three parts **or** **Three Messages from God’s Word**

Now we need to discover the Spiritual meaning of “**leaven**”. Using the Concordance we discover that Paul gives one Spiritual meaning for “**leaven**”.

I Cor. 5:8 “Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the **leaven** of malice and wickedness;,”

Thus, **one** Spiritual meaning for “**leaven**” is **malice** and **wickedness**. Let’s see if this Spiritual meaning **fits** the context of the parable by *substituting* the meaning into the parable.

Matt. 13:33 “The Kingdom of heaven is like: malice and wickedness (leaven)...

The context of the parable clearly shows us that this Spiritual meaning for “leaven” **cannot** be the right one! (The kingdom of heaven is **not** like malice and wickedness!)

We will use the Concordance again to see if we can discover another Spiritual meaning for the word “**leaven**”.

Matt. 16:6 “Then Jesus said unto them, take heed and beware of the **leaven** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”

12 Then understood they, how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the **doctrine** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”

We have just discovered a second Spiritual meaning for the word “**leaven**”. **Leaven** can represent **doctrine**.

Let’s see if this meaning fits the context of the parable.

Matt. 13:33 “The kingdom of heaven is like **doctrine** (leaven)...”

This Spiritual meaning for “**leaven**” fits perfectly into the context of the verse. Before we substitute the Spiritual meaning of the real objects back into the parable, let’s think about it Spiritually.

The kingdom of heaven is like (Spiritual) **leaven** which a (Spiritual) **woman** took and hid in *Three measures of (Spiritual) meal* until the whole world was (Spiritually) **leavened**.

Now we are ready to substitute the Spiritual meanings of the real objects back into the Bible verse.

Paraphrase:

The kingdom of heaven is like **doctrine** (leaven) which a **Church** (woman) took and hid in **three messages** from **God’s Word** (three measures of meal) until everyone (“the whole”) had heard them (leavened).

Summary:

In this parable of a “Woman baking bread” Jesus has **hidden** valuable **Truth!** He has told us that the **Church** has a **three part message** from the **Bible** that must be **heard by everyone!**

Now the question is **what** is that **three part message?** To find the answer we will again use the Concordance and compare the Scriptures. When we look up the word “**leaven**” and compare the texts, we discover that for normal sacrifices and offerings the bread used was to be **without leaven**. We have already discovered why; because “**leaven**” represented malice and wickedness or sin.

The twelfth chapter of Exodus describes how the children of Israel were to eat “**unleavened**” bread for the Passover, as an example:

Exodus 12:8 “And they shall eat the flesh (lamb) in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

There are at least 25 Bible texts that tell us to remove the leaven or make the bread “**unleavened**”. This parable is an **exception** to the majority of texts telling us to remove the leaven. The parable tells us to put leaven in the bread! In order to find out **why**, we will have to find **other texts** that tell us to put leaven in the bread.

Lev. 23:17 “Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be baked **with leaven**; they are the **first fruits** unto the Lord.” This text tells us **why** the leaven is put **in** the bread. It is because the loaves of bread with **leaven in them** represent the “**first fruits**.” Once more we will use the Concordance in order to discover the significance of the “**first fruits**”.
(Rev. 14:4-10)

The “First Fruits”

Revelation 14:4-10, 12

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the **first-fruits** unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And **in their mouth** was found **no guile**: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

6 And I saw **another angel** fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel **to preach** unto them that dwell on the earth, and **to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,**

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the foundations of waters.

8 And there **followed another angel**, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the **third angel** followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

- 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
- 12 Here is the patience of the Saints: here are they that **keep the commandments** of God, and the faith of Jesus.

- In Revelation 14:4-12
The Bible tells us that the “**first fruits**” represents a group of people who are the “redeemed”. (Rev. 14:4)
It further tells us that “in their mouth is no guile.” (Rev. 14:5)

(Greek)

Guile #1388 – trick, deceit

- Thus, the Bible tells us that this **group of people** will tell us the Truth! (**no guile or deceit**)
- Immediately after telling us this, there are three distinct messages given. (Rev. 14:6-10).
- (The **first** angels message, the **second** angels message, and the **third** angels message.)
The word “**angel**” used in the text means;

(Greek)

Angel #32 – To bring tidings, a messenger

- Thus, this group of people are “**messengers**” who have a **three part message** which is described in the Bible.
- Furthermore, **the three messages** are to be “**preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people**” or in other words to the whole world.

Summary:

Our paraphrase of the parable was this:

The kingdom of heaven is like **doctrine** (leaven) which a **Church** (woman) took and hid in **three messages** from God's Word (three measures of meal) until *everyone* (the whole) had heard them (leavened).

It is clear that we have **found** the **three messages** from God's Word that are to be given to *everyone*. Those **three messages** are described in the 14th chapter of Revelation. We have also found a **description** of the group of people or "**Church**" that the parable said would be giving those three messages. We need to look closely at the Bible's description of the "**Church**" giving the **three messages** so that we will be able to **find it!**

At least **six characteristics** of the **Church** have been identified while studying this parable. Briefly they are:

1. It will "preach" the **three messages** to **all** the world.
2. It will "preach" the **truth**.
3. It will consist of Christians "**redeemed**" by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus).
4. It will follow **all** of the teachings of Jesus and **do whatever** He says to do.
5. It will not join together with other Churches teaching false doctrine.
6. It will **keep** the **Commandments** of God, and will have **faith** in Jesus.

— The Three Messages to be given to **all the World** (Rev. 14:6-10)

— First Angel's Message:

— Rev. 14:6,7 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
— Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and **give glory to him**; for the **hour of his judgment is come**: and **worship him that made heaven, and earth**, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

- * **Everlasting Gospel** – Same means of Salvation for all
- * **Give Glory to God** – Christian Living
- * **Hour of Judgment is come** – Judgment is NOW in session!
- * **Worship the Creator**

— Second Angel's Message:

— Rev. 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon is fallen**, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

- * **Babylon is fallen** – Warning against the religious confusion and doctrine of the Churches

— Third Angel's Message:

— Rev. 14:9, 10 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark** in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

- * **Warning not to worship the Beast or to receive his mark** – Warning against a specific religious power not to worship as it does nor receive its mark

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of “The woman who put leaven in three measures of meal”)

1. There are **hidden truths** in the Parables which have been kept secret since the foundation of the world.
2. In order to discover these “**truths**” we must “search as for hid treasure” by comparing the Scriptures and then we will find the “knowledge of God”.
3. The **main truth** that the parable teaches us is that the **True Church** of God will present **doctrinal truths** in three messages from God’s Word, until every nation, kindred, tongue, and people have heard them!
4. The **doctrinal truths** contained in the three messages concern the following topics:
 - The Everlasting Gospel
 - Giving glory to God
 - The Hour of God’s Judgment
 - Worshipping the Creator
 - Babylon is Fallen
 - Warning against the Beast and his mark
5. The **Doctrinal truths** contained in each of the **six topics** of the three messages are too lengthy to be covered in detail in this parable. They are covered in detail in “*Bible **Parables** Made Simple*”, Vol. 3.

The Parable of:
The Friend
At
Midnight

(The End of Time for the World)

The **Parable** of:

“The Friend at Midnight”

(Luke 11:5-8)

LUKE 11

5 And he said unto them, which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves ; **6** For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him ? **7** And he from within shall answer and say, trouble me not : the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed ; I cannot rise and give thee. **8** I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

Comments:

In order to understand this Parable we need to have a lot of *questions* answered! Here are a few that we need to think about.

What is the problem in the parable?

What is the solution to the problem?

When does the problem occur?

Who has the solution to the problem?

Where is the one who has the solution?

Why is the solution given?

What are the Real Objects in the parable?

What are the Spiritual meanings of the real objects?

What is the Spiritual meaning of the Parable?

Take a minute and look at the above text and think about these questions. Now lets see if we can get “answers” to our questions?

- Since the problem is *Physical Hunger*, then the parable will be about *Spiritual Hunger* or thirst for truth.
- Since the solution to the problem is 3 loaves of *Physical Bread*, then the parable will be about 3 loaves of *Spiritual Bread*.
- Since the problem occurs when it is *Physically Darkest* (midnight), then the parable will be about the time when it is *Spiritually Darkest*.
- Since help for the problem comes from a *Physical friend*, then the parable will be about receiving help from a *Spiritual Friend*.
- Since the one who has the solution to the problem is in a place of *Physical Rest*(bed) with his *Physical Children*, then the parable will be about receiving help from someone who has a place of *Spiritual Rest* and is resting there with his *Spiritual Children*.


The reason that help is given to the one asking for help is because of “**importunity**” which means “to be in need and reverent” #427, #127.


The Real Objects in the parable are :
darkness(midnight), friend, 3 loaves of bread, door,
bed, children, hunger.

Before we can determine the Spiritual meaning of the parable we must discover the Spiritual meaning of the Real Objects.

Discovering the **Spiritual Meaning** of the Real Objects

What does "*Midnight*" or "*darkness*" REPRESENT ?

Key Word 



DARKNESS = ?
(Evening, night, black, MIDNIGHT)

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DARKNESS =
LACK OF UNDERSTANDING (ERROR)


Ps.82:5 "They know not, neither do they understand, they walk on in darkness ..."

MIDNIGHT (Greatest Physical Darkness)
(Greatest Spiritual Darkness) or ERROR

"Midnight" REPRESENTS *"Lack of understanding"*
AT THE END of TIME

Who does a "*Friend*" represent ?

Key Word 



FRIEND = ?

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FRIEND = someone you trust
(the Lord)


Ps.41:9 "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted"


Prov.17:17 "A friend loveth at all times...."

John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends".

A "*Friend*" is "*someone you trust*" (THE LORD)

What do the "*Three loaves of bread*" represent ?

Key Word 



THREE LOAVES = ?
(bread in 3 parts)

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THREE LOAVES =
God's word in 3 parts

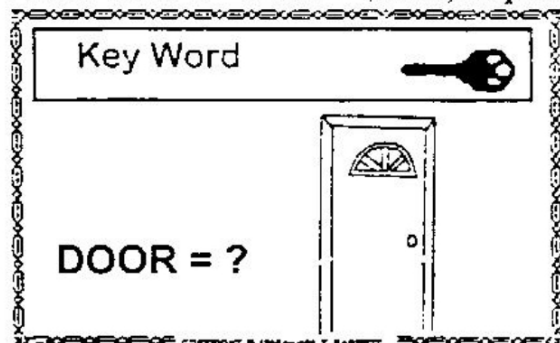
Three Angels Message Rev.14:4-10
(see Matt.13:33 study)

Matt.4:4 "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God".

"Three loaves of bread" represent *"God's Word in three parts"*

Discovering the **Spiritual Meaning** of the Real Objects

What does a "**Door**" (shut) represent ?

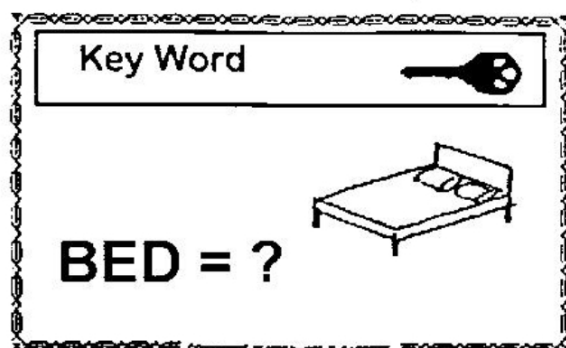


DOOR = Jesus

John 10:9 "I am the **door**:
By me if any man enter in,
he shall be saved ...".

A (shut)"**Door**" represents "**The End**" of our "**Probationary Time**"

What does the "**Bed**" represent ?

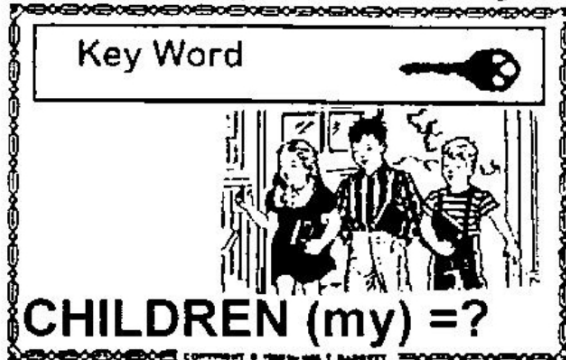


BED = Sabbath

Luke 11:7 "...my children are with me in **bed ...**".
Isa.57:2 "...They shall **rest** in their **beds ...**".
Isa.66:1 "Thus saith the Lord... where is the
place of **my rest**?"
Gen.2:2 "And..God..rested on the **seventh day**
Ex.20:10 "But the **seventh day** is the **Sabbath**
of the Lord...".
Ex.20:8 "Remember the **Sabbath day**
to keep it holy".

The "**Bed**" represents the "**Sabbath Rest and Relationship**"

Who does "**My Children**" represent ?





CHILDREN (my) = God's People

1John 3:10 "In this the **children** of God are
manifest, and the children of the devil:
whosoever doeth not righteousness is not
of God, neither he that loveth not his brother"
1 John 5:2 "By this we know that we love
the **children** of God, when we love God,
and keep his commandments"

"**My Children**" represent "**God's People**"

What does it mean to "*Eat*" or "*Be Fed*" ?

<p>Key Word </p> <p>EAT = ? (break bread) </p>	<p>EAT = Read (to gain knowledge) to "feed" = to "teach"</p> <p>Jer.15:16 "Thy words were found and I did eat them: and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart"</p> <p>Acts 2:46 "... and breaking bread from house to house, did eat ..."</p>
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To "*Eat*" means to "*Gain Spiritual Knowledge*"

HUNGER

(SPIRITUAL) "**HUNGER**" is : to be without a knowledge of **GOD'S WORD**

HUNGER
(FOR 3 LOAVES
OF BREAD)

(SPIRITUAL) "**HUNGER**" for the
3 MESSAGES in **GOD'S WORD**
(**3 ANGEL'S MESSAGES** REV 14)

Now that we know the **Spiritual Meaning** of the Real Objects in the Parable, we can substitute these meanings back into the Parable to discover the Spiritual Meaning of the Parable.

— LUKE 11

(someone you trust)

— 5 And he said unto them, which of you shall have a **friend**,

(AT THE END WHEN ERROR IS GREATEST)

— and shall go unto him at **midnight**, and say unto him,

(LORD) (3 MESSAGES of the 3 ANGELS)

— Friend, lend me **three loaves** ;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me,

(nothing to satisfy his SPIRITUAL HUNGER)

and I have **nothing to set before him** ?

(THE LORD)

7 And **he** from within shall answer and say,

(PROBATION HAS CLOSED)

trouble me not : the **door** is now **shut**,

(MY PEOPLE)

(SABBATH REST)

and my **children** are with me in **bed** ;

I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him,

(need and reverence)

because he is his friend, yet because of his **importunity**

(3 MESSAGES of the 3 ANGELS)

he will rise and give him **as many** as he **needeth**.

Now we are ready to **Paraphrase** the Parable and see what it is telling us Spiritually.

THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT

LUKE 11 : 5-8

5 And he said unto them, which of you shall have a **friend**, and shall go unto him at **midnight**, and say unto him, **Friend**, lend me three loaves ;

6 For a **friend** of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have **nothing to set before him** ?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, trouble me not : the **door is now shut**, and **my children** are with me in bed ; I cannot rise and give thee. 8 I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of **his importunity** he will rise and **give him as many as he needeth**.

PARAPHRASE 1

During the time of **Greatest Spiritual Error** (midnight), people who have **nothing to satisfy their spiritual hunger** or their friends spiritual hunger (nothing to set before him) will plead with the **Lord** (Friend) for the **truth from His Word**, which is **in three parts** (three loaves of bread). **God's people** (children) who are with Him in the **Sabbath Rest and Relationship** (with him in bed), have had their probation close (door shut). Yet, because of the reverence of those **outside** (importunity # 335, # 247, # 127) who hunger after the truth, the Lord will satisfy their hunger with the truth of the **Three Angels Message** (three loaves of bread) before their probation closes (he will rise and give him).

PARAPHRASE 2

Which of you shall have someone you trust (friend) and shall go to him at the **END of Time** when **Error** is **Greatest** (MIDNIGHT) and say to him **Lord** (friend) give me the **3 Messages** of the 3 Angels from your Word (3 loaves). A friend of mine has come to visit me and I have **nothing to satisfy his Spiritual Hunger** (nothing to set before him). And the **Lord** shall answer and say **Probation** has **closed** on my people (door shut) who are with me in the **Sabbath REST and RELATIONSHIP** (with me in bed). I can't rise and give you. Even though he is not his friend, yet because of his need and his reverence (importunity) he will rise and give him the **3 ANGELS MESSAGES** before his probation closes.

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of
“The Friend at Midnight”)

1. There is a problem of **Spiritual Hunger** in the world.
2. Spiritual Hunger can only be satisfied by **Spiritual Bread**.
3. The world is in **Spiritual Darkness** and it will soon be the End of Time for everyone.
4. Help is available from our **Spiritual Friend**.
5. **Probation** or the End of Time will end for God's Church **first** before it ends for the rest of the world.
6. God's People are with Him in the **Sabbath Rest and Relationship** while outside are many people who have never had an opportunity to know this relationship.
7. There are sincere people who are in need of more **Spiritual Knowledge** and because of their need and reverence towards God, He will see that they receive that knowledge before their probation ends.
8. The Spiritual Knowledge that is needed is contained in **3 Messages** from God's Word.

THE LAST DAY MESSAGE TO ALL THE WORLD
(3 ANGELS MESSAGE)

FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

REV 14 : 6 “And I saw another **angel** fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

(EVERLASTING GOSPEL) Same means of **Salvation** for **all** :

REV 14 : 7 “Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and **give glory to him** ; for the **hour of his judgement is come** ; and **worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**

(GIVE GLORY TO GOD) Christian Living

(HOUR OF HIS JUDGEMENT IS COME) Judgement is NOW
in session

(WORSHIP THE CREATOR) The **Sabbath of the Lord**
honors **Him** as the **Creator**
(Exodus 20 : 10)

SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

REV 14 : 8 “And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

(BABYLON IS FALLEN) Warning against the **religious confusion and doctrine of the Churches**

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

REV 14 : 9 “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark** in his forehead, or in his hand,

REV 14 : 10 “The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation ; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

(WARNING NOT TO WORSHIP THE BEAST

OR TO RECEIVE HIS MARK) Warning against a specific religious power not to worship as it does nor receive its mark.

Final Conclusion:

As we have examined the Parables of Jesus, letting the “Bible explain itself” by comparing the Scriptures, the Doctrines and Teachings of Jesus have **become plain** to us. As we might have suspected, given the repeated warnings of Jesus to “beware of false teachers”, the **Doctrines of Jesus** as taught by the **Parables** are quite different from the doctrines taught by most of the Popular Churches today. When thinking about this difference keep in mind the Parable of “The Two Men That Built Houses” and what their foundations were; **God’s Words** (rock) or **man’s words** (sand) and you will **know** what to believe!

In this **second volume** of the parables we have covered 14 parables. There are yet more parables to be covered as well as covering in detail the **3 Angel’s Messages**. We will continue our study in “Bible **Parables Made Simple**” **Vol. 3**.

May God help you to use the knowledge you have gained from the **Parables** to be like “**salt** that has **not** lost its **Savour**”.

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