

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE
JESUS' PARABLES: LIGHT & JUDGMENT
or
WHY DID JESUS TEACH IN PARABLES?
Matthew 13:10-17

1. Parables

Definition: Stories drawn from daily life to illustrate heavenly truth.

Popular view of "parables." A wonderful way to teach clearly!

But it is wrong!

2. Why did Jesus teach the crowds in parables?

God's judgment on their unbelief

The disciples' questions & Jesus' answers.

Matthew 13 follows Matthew 12 - significance

Every outward inducement from God & Jesus to believe His word.

The root of unbelief made clear.

God's judgment on the rejection of His Word –

Isaiah 6:6,10, Amos 8:11, 1 Peter 2:6-8, 2 Thess. 2:10-12

It's NOT just those awful hard-hearted Jews.

It's ALL of us in our sinful rebellion against God.

3. The blessedness of Jesus' disciples –

"To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven."

God's gift to Jesus' disciples:

FIRST – the gift of faith (Matthew 11:25-26, 16:17) from the Father & the Son (by the Holy Spirit)

SECOND – special instruction from Jesus (e.g. vv.18-23, 37-43)

For us –

The fulness of revelation in Christ & the completed Scriptures.

Believer? Pray for the Spirit's continued help to strengthen faith & Understanding, that you may grow in Christ.

Not a believer? What little you have may be taken away!

Pray for mercy & grace to receive God's Word with faith.