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THE PURPOSE OF PARABLES

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- A parable is a comparison of spiritual truths of God's kingdom with natural, physical things here on earth. In simple terms, parables are earthly stories with heavenly meaning, truth hidden in plain sight, waiting for the hungry to dig and excavate it.
- Jesus taught the parable of the sower in (**Matthew 13**), and it is called the parable of parables because it serves as the key that unlocks the understanding of every other parable of the kingdom. We must pay close attention to it.
- The use of parables was not unique to Jesus. Prophet Nathan used a parable to bring King David to repentance (**2 Samuel 12:1-7**), and Prophet Isaiah used a parable to illustrate God's disappointment with Israel (**Isaiah 5:1-7**). What was unique with Jesus was that he took the use of parables to a whole new level.

- Scripture tells us that Jesus did not speak to the multitude without a parable, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet (**Matthew 13:34-35**). To his disciples, however, he explained everything plainly when they were alone (**Mark 4:33-34**).



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- There are two categories of people as far as Jesus was concerned: his disciples and the crowd. To the disciples it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the crowd, called outsiders in the book of Mark,

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it has not been given (**Matthew 13:11; Mark 4:11-12**).

- Jesus spoke in parables for two reasons: to reveal the truth to his disciples, and to conceal the truth from those who had wilfully rejected it. Being outside is a choice. It is not a predetermined judgment that God deliberately metes out on a people he does not love.
- Those to whom it has been given have the privilege of growing in revelation knowledge to the point of abundance. Whoever has, to him more will be given, but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away (**Matthew 13:12**).
- The condition of having eyes and not seeing, ears and not hearing, and a heart that cannot understand does not happen overnight. It is the result of wilful disobedience that disregards God's word repeatedly, until the heart becomes numb to the Holy

Spirit (**Zechariah 7:8-12; 2 Timothy 4:1-4**).

- The sower in the parable is generous. He does not hold back his seed, even knowing that some will fall by the wayside, some on rocky ground, some among thorns, and some on good ground. In the same way, God distributes his word generously so that no one has an excuse.
- What eventually happens to the seed sown is a function of the type of ground upon which it falls. The evidence of true kingdom lifestyle is fruitfulness, and there must be no area of our lives that we shield from the word of God.
- Blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear (**Matthew 13:16**). It is a privilege, not an achievement of our own, that it has been given to us to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God.



PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, thank You for the privilege of knowing the mysteries of Your kingdom. I receive this gift with gratitude, knowing it is by Your mercy and not by my own merit.
2. Lord, deliver me from every form of wilful disobedience that hardens the heart and dulls the ear to Your word. Let my heart remain soft and sensitive to Your Spirit.
3. F a t h e r , g i v e m e a n understanding heart. Whatever has been hidden from me by ignorance, reveal it to me now. Let the Bible never be a closed book to me.
4. Lord, let my life be marked by fruitfulness in every area: in my character, my work, and my family. Let there be no area of my life that I shield from Your word.
5. Father, as the seed of Your word is sown in my heart, let it fall on good ground. Let me receive it, treasure it, and grow in revelation knowledge until I bear an abundant harvest.
6. Lord, open my eyes to see and my ears to hear what others around me are missing. Let confusion be taken out of the way, and let my understanding be furnished in every season.
7. Parables are truths hidden in plain sight, and it will take those who are hungry to dig and excavate the bounties that lie beneath the ground.