

50+ Ministry

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60+ *Legacies*

Sunday Class

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All Saints Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX

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******Sit UP FRONT & TOGETHER, PLEASE******

King's Parables

Understanding & Applying

All Saints Presbyterian Church

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Austin, TX

Fall 2025

Taught by Rev. Craig Chapman

50+60+ Schedule – 2025 – 2026

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

“King’s Parables”



2025



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December

- Fri, Dec 5 – **Christmas Party** – 6:30-9:30 PM, at the home of Courtney & Doug Abernethy. BYOB + Appetizer or Dessert.
Registration is now open.
- Fri, Dec 12 – **Cookies & Caroling** – 1:00 PM at Brookdale Gaines Ranch Assisted Living Center.

January

- Sat, Jan 24 – **Annual Retreat** – 9 AM Breakfast – 5 PM Dinner, at *The Retreat at Balcones Springs*. Speaker: Will Stockdale: “*Heaven & Earth Rejoice—Christian Wisdom for Worldly Government.*”
Registration is now open.

February

- Fri, Feb 13 – **Dinners for 7+** – 6-8:30 PM in various homes.

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March

- Sat, Mar 28 – **Indoor Pickleball Round Robin** – 2-4 PM at Hill Country Sports & Fitness.

April

- Fri, Apr 17 – **Painted Churches Tour** – 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Caravan from Schulenberg. Tour 2 churches. Lunch (Oakridge Smokehouse). Tour 2 more.

May

- Thu, May 7 – **Texas Capitol & Governor's Mansion** – 9:45 AM to 3 PM. Guided Tours & lunch at The Capitol Grill.

June

- Fri, Jun 5 – **Summer Social** – 6:30-9 PM, at Betsy & Dave Willis' home. BYOD + Appetizer or Dessert to share.



ORDINARY TIME

Philippians 2:12-13

*... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,
for it is God who works in you,
both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

11/9/25

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*Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia, Amen!
Let all with heart and voice before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia, Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia, Amen!*

*Praise yet the Lord again; Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia, Amen!
On Heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more, Alleluia, Amen!*

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Psalm 71:5-8

*You are my hope;
Lord GOD, You are my confidence from my youth.
I have leaned on You since my birth;
You are He who took me from my mother's womb;
my praise is continually of You.
I have become a marvel to many,
for You are my strong refuge.
My mouth is filled with Your praise
and with Your glory all day long.*

(NASB)

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- Genesis 1 & 2 – Church Tested
 - Able not to sin
 - Able to sin
- Genesis 3 on – Church Militant
 - Not able not to sin
- Glory – Church Triumphant
 - Not able to sin

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- Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

- Abraham Booth

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I believe, that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, with all their numerous inhabitants. Last of all, and nobly conspicuous amongst the amazingly diversified productions of his almighty power and infinite skill . . . he created man, and constituted him lord of this lower world. Male and female created he them, after his own image and in his own likeness: upright, innocent, and holy; capable of serving and glorifying their bountiful Creator.

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On the same warrant, I believe, that man did not long continue in these holy and happy circumstances; but, being left to the freedom of his own will, he transgressed the law which his Maker and Sovereign had given him; in consequence of which he fell into a state of guilt, depravity, and ruin. And as he was not only the natural but federal head and representative of his unborn posterity, he sinning, all his offspring sinned in him and fell with him, the guilt of his first sin being imputed, and a corrupt nature derived, to all who descend from him by natural generation. Hence it is that all men are by nature the children of wrath; averse to all that is spiritually good, and prone to evil; dead in sin, under the curse of the righteous law and obnoxious to eternal vengeance. From which state of complicated misery there is no deliverance but by Jesus Christ, the second Adam.

Lesson Series

- 5/4–**New Series: *Kingdom Parables***–Mt 6.25-33—Birds & Lilies
- 5/11 – (Mother's Day) – Guest Teacher: Daniel Pope
- 5/18 – Kingdom Parables - Mt 13.24-43—Wheat, Seed & Leaven
- 5/25 – Memorial Day Weekend (No Class)
- 6/1 – Kingdom Parables - Mt 13.24-43-Wheat, Seed & Leaven 2
- 6/8 – Kingdom Parables-Mt 13.44-50-Treasure, Pearl, & Net
- 6/15 – (Craig away) Guest Teacher: Bo White
- 6/22 – Kingdom Parables-Mt 18.23-35-Unforgiving Servant
- 6/29–Kingdom Parables–Mt 20.1-16-Workers in the Vineyard
- 7/6 - 8/10 – Summer Break
- 8/17 – Guest Teacher: Erin Holcomb
- 8/24 – Guest Teacher: Bo White
- 8/31 – Labor Day Weekend (No Class)

Lesson Series

- 9/7 – Kingdom Parables – Lk 14.15-24 – Master Gives a Feast
- 9/14–Kingdom Parables–Lk 14 & Mt 22–Feast vs. Banquet
- 9/21 – Guest Teacher: Bill Laughlin
- 9/28 – Kingdom Parables–Mt 22.1-14–King’s Wedding Banquet

- 10/5 – Kingdom Parables – Mt 25:1-13 – Ten Virgins
- 10/12 – No Class (Columbus Day Weekend)
- 10/19 – Kingdom Parables–Mt 25:14-30–Talents (Man on Journey)
- 10/26 – Kingdom Parables–Mt 25:14-30–Talents 2: Bond-servant

- 11/2 – King’s Parables – Lk 18:9-14–The Pharisee & Tax Collector
- **11/9 – King’s Parables – Matt 11:16-19–Playing Wedding & Funeral**
- 11/16 – Randy Wilt – ‘Cain & Abel–Guilt or Shame, Envy or Jealousy’
- 11/23 – King’s Parables – Matt 13:1-23–Sower, Seeds, & Soils

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King's Parables

- **Parable**

(Greek: *parabole*)

= comparison ~ metaphor ~ picture ~ illustration

= concrete depiction of a cosmic truth

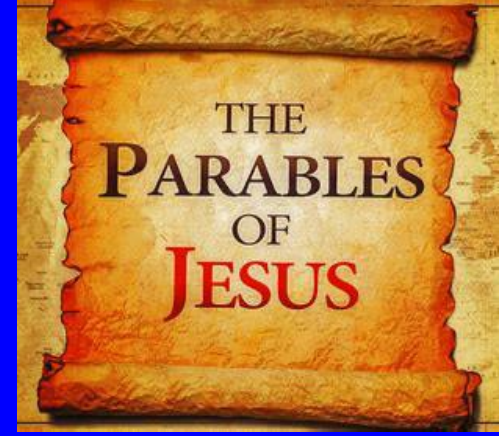
= a story with symbolic, spiritual meaning

- **Kingdom of God**

= a realm, not like on earth

= wherever God's light and royal will is reigning

= includes the Church, but it's more



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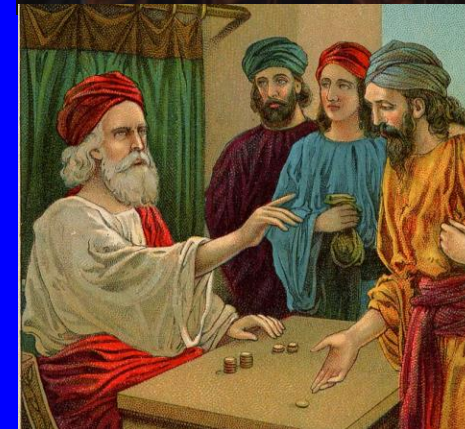
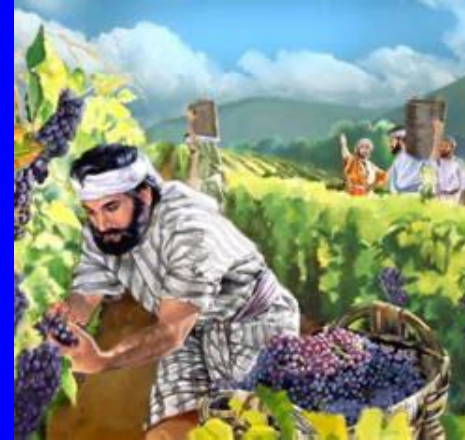


- Jesus says, “... *the kingdom of heaven* is like ...” at least 10 times in Matthew, often when introducing a *parable*...
- 13:24 – ... *a man who sowed good seed* (Weeds & Wheat)
13:31 – ... *a mustard seed* ...
13:33 – ... *leaven* ...
- 13:44 – ... *treasure hidden in a field* ...
13:45 – ... *a merchant seeking fine pearls* ...
13:47 – ... *a net* ...
- 18:23-35 – ...*king settling accounts*
(Unforgiving Servant)



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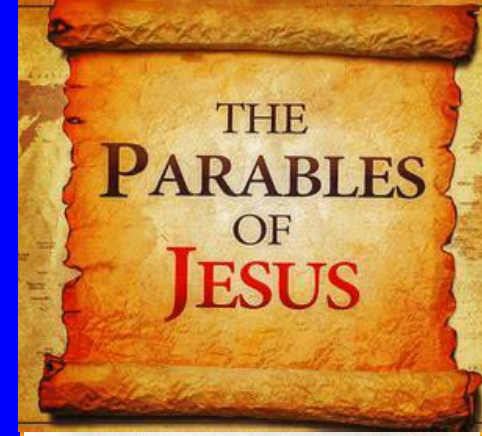
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 - 20:1-16 –...*a landowner...*(Workers in the Vineyard)
 - Luke 14:16-24 – ... *a master gives a feast ...*
 - Matt 22:1-14 – ...*a king giving a wedding banquet ...*
 - Matt 25:1-13 – ... *ten virgins ...*
 - Mt 25:14-30–...*a man going on a journey...*(Talents)

King's Parables

- Our King Jesus helps us to understand cosmic, spiritual truths using word pictures and stories of *parables...*
- Luke 18:9-14 – ... *a Pharisee & a Tax Collector* ...
- Matt 11:16-19 – ... *Playing Wedding & Playing Funeral* ...



Questions

- Today: Admired vs. Disdained

Cultural Comparison

- 1st C. Israel:

Admired: Pharisees

- Reformers in Judaism
- Contextualize Mosaic Law
- ...for Greater Obedience
- ...to Stay Saved
- ...so God will Free Israel

Disdained: Tax Collectors

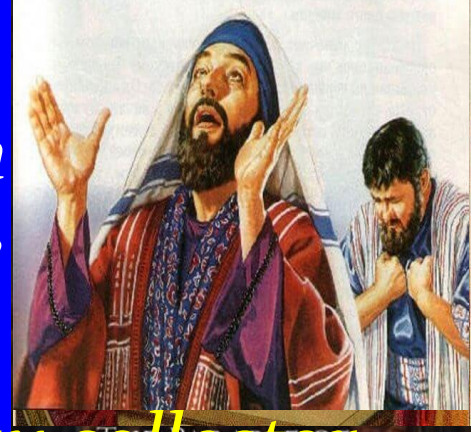
- Sold Out to the Enemy
→ Worse than the Enemy
- Up & Out like the Down & Out (lame, lepers, beggars)
- *'TC's and Sinners'*

Observations

Pharisee

- **Fasting**
 - 1/year (Day of Atonement) vs. 2x/week
- **Tithe**
 - Certain crops & produce (grain, oil, wine) vs. All
- **Look ...**
 - Sideways & Down (Disdain)

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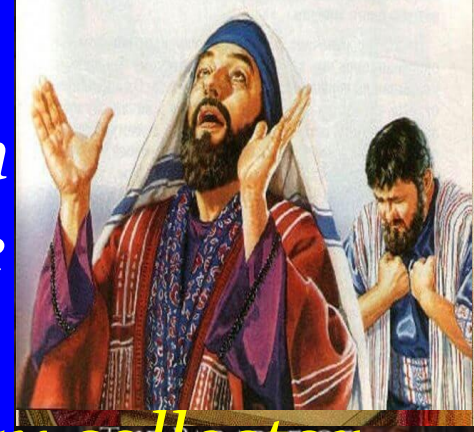
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Pharisee

Tax Collector

- Distance = unworthy; humility
- Look ...
 - Not up ... Down (on himself)
- Action ... Beating Chest
 - Only for women
 - Sign of Great Weakness
- Prayer ('God, be for me ...')
 - Merciful = propitiation = atoning sacrifice (Psalm 51)
 - ... the sinner

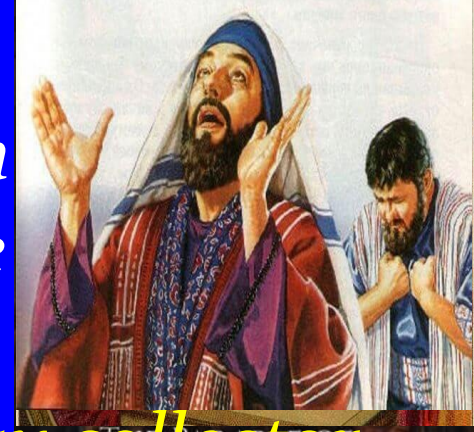
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Considerations & Lessons

- James 4:6 & 1 Peter 5:5—
God *resists* the *proud*,
but gives *grace* to the *humble*
- Even the most 'religious' person
can miss life's purpose/goal
- Resist a Heart of **Dis-/Judgment**.
Embrace a Heart of **Compassion**
for lost sinners (God's Heart).
 - Phillip Yancey
- Humility recognizes that None
of us will clean up all sin in our
lives this side of heaven
- Don't look sideways... to others
- Don't look down... on others/self
- Do Look UP ...
...to the God of Mercy & Grace
- We have nothing to bring Him
but our Need

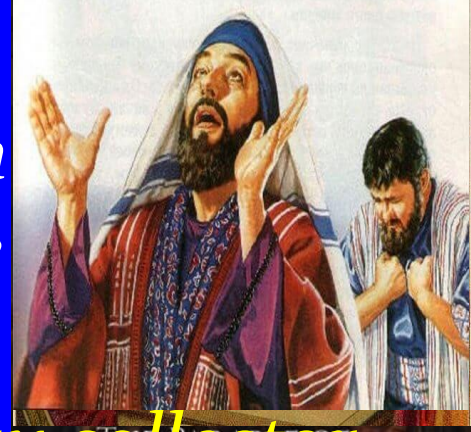
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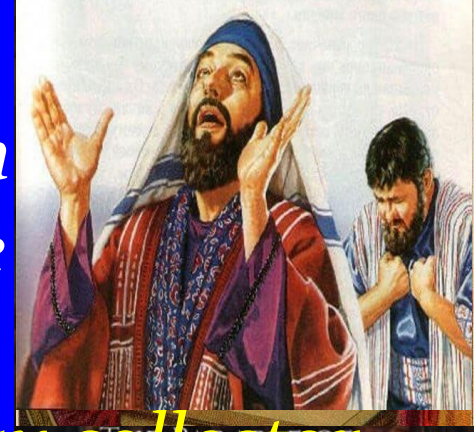
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