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**60+ *Legacies***

**Sunday Class**

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**All Saints Presbyterian Church  
Austin, TX**

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# *Kingdom Parables*

## *Understanding & Applying*

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Songs of Praise

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# 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.*

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Oh to see the dawn or the darkest day,  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

(Chorus)

*This, the Power of the Cross.  
Christ became sin for us,  
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Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn into, dead are raised to life,  
“Finished!” the victory cry.

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Oh to see my name written in the wounds.  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live;  
Won through Your selfless love.

*Chorus*

# HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

Stuart Townend

*How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the man upon a cross.  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.*

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*I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.*



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## Hebrews 11:1,6

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen....*

*Without faith it is impossible to please God,  
for whoever would draw near to God  
must believe that He exists  
and that He rewards those who seek Him.*

(ESV)

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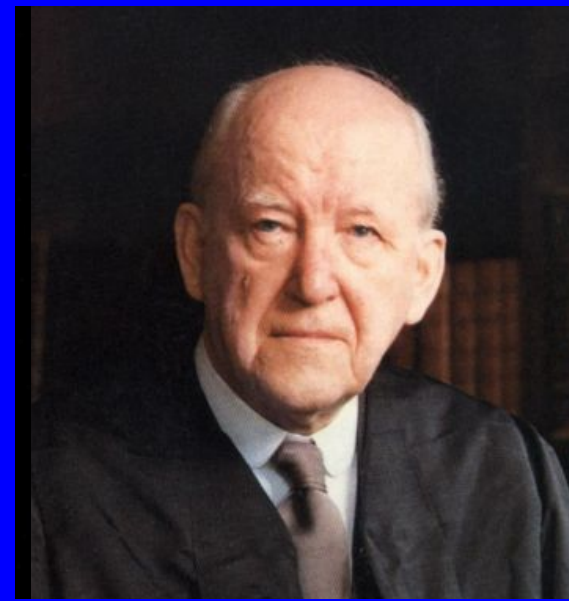
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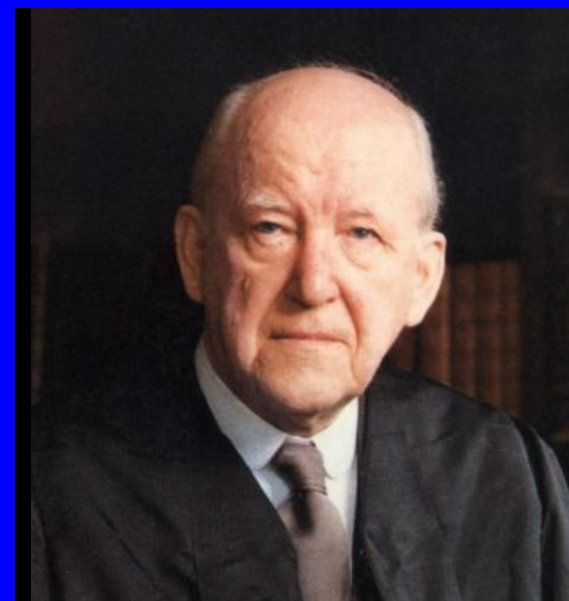


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*Man cannot even keep the Ten Commandments. And yet he talks glibly about keeping the Sermon on the Mount, and of imitating Christ. . . . And if a man cannot keep the Ten Commandments, as they understand them, what hope have they of keeping the Ten Commandments as they have been interpreted by the Lord Jesus Christ? That was the whole trouble with the Pharisees, who so hated him and who finally crucified him. They thought they were keeping the Ten Commandments and the moral law. Our Lord convinced them and convicted them of the fact that they were not doing so. They claimed that they had never committed murder. Wait a minute, said our Lord. Have you ever said to your brother, "Thou fool"? If you have, you are guilty of murder. Murder does not only mean actually, physically, killing a man, it means that bitterness and hatred in your heart. . . .*

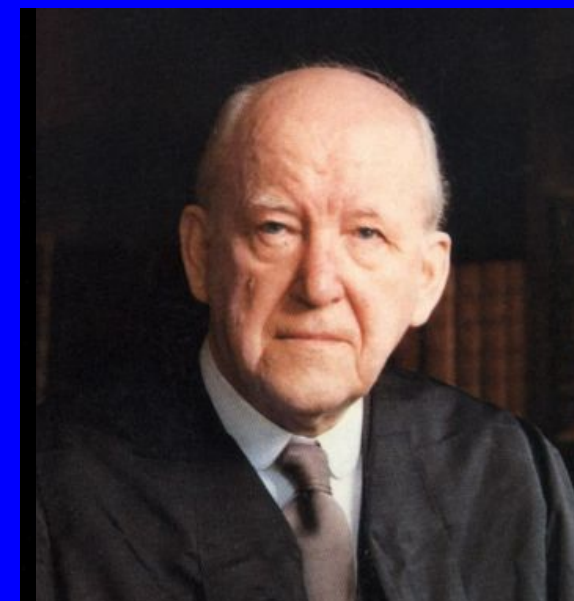


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*And he taught the same, you remember, with regard to adultery. They claimed that they were guiltless. But wait a minute, says our Lord, you say you have never committed adultery? “But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart” (Matt. 5:28). He is guilty; he has coveted, he has desired. You see, as our Lord comes to interpret the law, he shows that an evil desire is as damnable as a deed. A thought and an imagination are as reprehensible in the sight of God as the act committed.*





# 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 – King’s Parables –
  
- 11/2 – King’s Parables –
- 11/9 – King’s Parables –
- 11/16 – Guest Teacher –
- 11/23 – King’s Parables –

# Kingdom Parables

- **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

- **Parable**

(Greek: *parabole*)

= comparison ~ metaphor ~ picture ~ illustration

= concrete depiction of a cosmic truth

= a story with symbolic, spiritual meaning



# Kingdom Parables

- 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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## Cultural Context

- 1<sup>st</sup> C. Jewish wedding custom—young, unmarried bridesmaids waited after dark for the bridegroom, while he was at the bride's home for initial ceremonies and negotiations, which could be delayed.
- Thereafter, the bridegroom (and his friends) would lead a procession with the bride and her bridesmaids back to the bridegroom's home for the wedding banquet.
- Any bridesmaids in the procession without illumination could be deemed “party-crashing outsiders.”

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...a prophetic picture of God's redemptive plan...

- Betrothal (salvation offer)
- Cup of the Covenant (salvation received)
- Groom's Departure (Ascension)
- Bride's Preparation (ready & waiting)
- Groom's Return (2<sup>nd</sup> Coming)
- Wedding Ceremony (in Heaven)
- Wedding Feast (with the Lamb)



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- **Betrothal** – binding covenant (stronger than today's engagement. Groom paid a *bride price* (*mohar*) to show the value he placed on her. They signed a *marriage contract* (*ketubah*), stating the Groom's responsibilities to provide for and protect his wife, which legally bound them before marriage.
  - 1 Cor 6.20—*You are not your own, you were bought with a price.*
- **Cup of the Covenant** – the Groom offered the Bride a cup of wine, and if she drank, she accepted the marriage proposal.
  - Luke 22.20—*This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.*
- **Groom's Departure** – the Groom would leave to prepare a home, often an addition onto his father's house, which usually took about a year and was only ready when the father said so.
  - John 14.2-3—*I go to prepare a place for you and ... I will come again and will take you to myself*
- **Bride's Preparation** – the Bride waited, remaining pure, often with her bridesmaids, preparing herself with garments and full oil lamps, never knowing the exact time of the Groom's return. (Matthew 25)



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- **Groom's Return** – when the father decides, the Groom returns, with a shout and a shofar (trumpet), often at night, at which time the Bride and her attendants must be ready to go
  - 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17—*the Lord...will descend from heaven... with the sound of the trumpet of God. And ...we who are alive...will be caught up together...so we will always be with the Lord.*
- **Wedding Ceremony** – the couple received 7 blessings under a canopy (*chuppah*), exchanged vows, and rings; the Groom often broke a glass underfoot, recalling the Temple's destruction and looking for God to restore all things.
- **Wedding Feast** – for up to 7 days, filled with joy, music, and dancing.
  - Revelation 19.7-9—*...the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready... Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.*





## Observations

- 3 Characters
  - Bridegroom
    - Isa 54. Hos 2. Ezek 16.
  - Foolish Virgins
    - Presumptuous
    - Parasitic
  - Wise Virgins
- Bridegroom's Delay
  - Only the Father Knows
- Wise Virgin's Reply
  - Individual Responsibility
  - God has no Grandchildren
- Bridegroom's Response

## Questions & Lessons

- Be/Remain Prepared
- This World is a Vestibule
- Maintain Spiritual Fuel
- Attend to Your Soul

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## Matthew 25:14-30

For **it** will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'





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<sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



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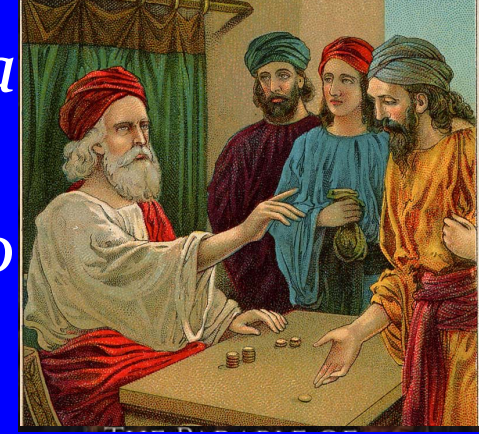
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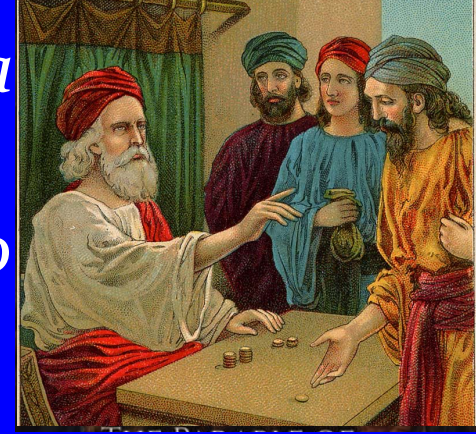
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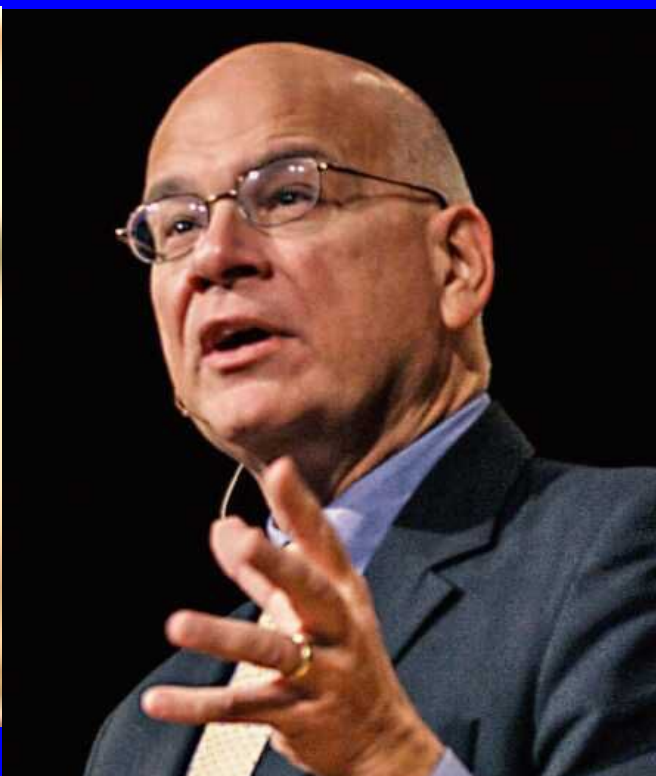


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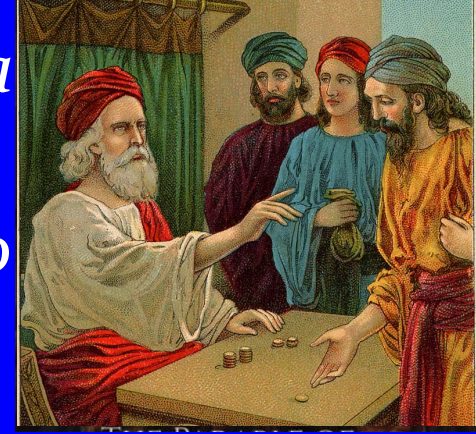
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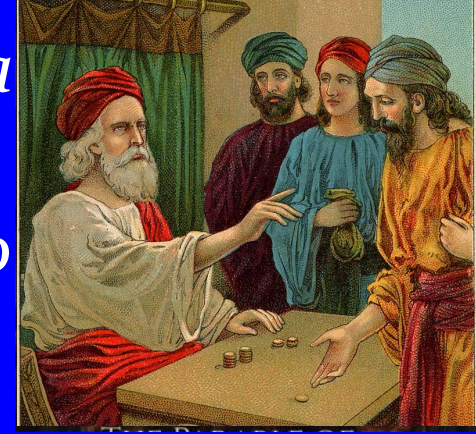
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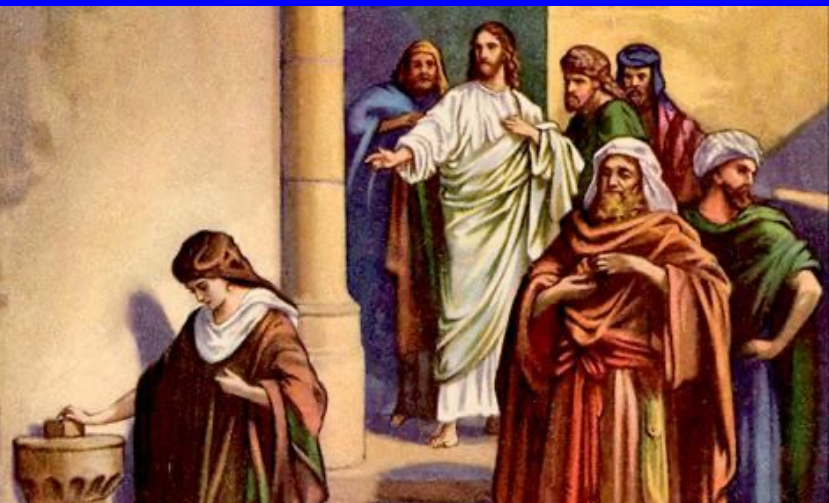


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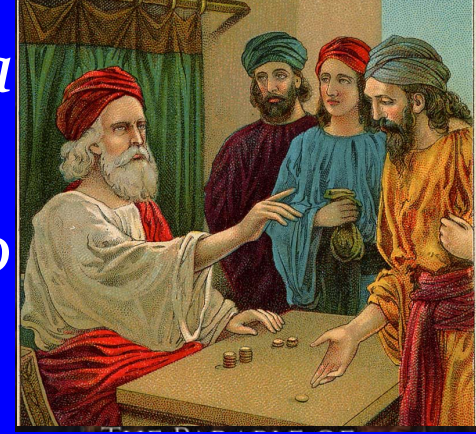
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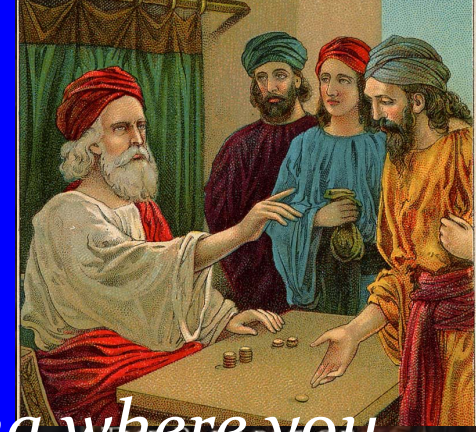
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