

## INTRODUCTION

- \* “The Life of Christ” - we have considered His Birth & His Youth.
- \* We are currently considering the Ministry of Christ ... we have considered The Preparation for His Ministry, The Proclamation of His Ministry and The Power of His Ministry
- \* Today we will continue looking at His ministry by considering The Parables of His Ministry
- \* Approximately 1/3 of Jesus’ Teaching was parables (40) or Parabolic Statements (20)

## INSTRUCTION

### I. UNDERSTANDING THE PARABLES OF CHRIST

#### A. The De\_\_\_\_\_tion of Parables

- \* παραβολη (parabolae; para – beside, alongside; bolae – throw, bring, place): to place/throw alongside – as a comparison  
- “In its broadest sense a parable is a form of speech used to illustrate and persuade by the help of a picture.”  
- παραβολη is used 48 times in Matt, Mark, Luke ... and 2 times in Hebrews (cf. Hebrews 11:17-19; 9:7-9)
- \* A Parable – is a Word Picture, used to compare the unknown with the known, in which the listener himself has to find the similarity

#### B. The F\_\_\_\_\_tion of Parables (cf. Matthew 13: 10-17, 34-35)

1. TO C\_\_\_\_\_EAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE KINGDOM
2. TO R\_\_\_\_\_EAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE KINGDOM

#### C. The C\_\_\_\_\_tion of Parables (cf. Matthew 13:24-50)

1. THE WHEAT & THE TARES (v. 24-30)
2. THE MUSTARD SEED (cf. 31-32)
3. THE LEAVEN (v. 33; Leviticus 23:17)
4. THE TREASURE IN THE FIELD (v. 44)
5. THE PRECIOUS PEARL (v. 45-46)
6. THE FISH IN THE DRAG NET (v. 47-50)

### II. APPLYING THE PARABLES OF CHRIST (cf. Matthew 7:24-29)

A. H\_\_\_\_\_ing The Word of God (cf. Romans 10:17; Psalm 1:1-3; Revelation 2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22; Matthew 13:18-23)

B. H\_\_\_\_\_ing The Word of God (cf. James 1:22-25; Romans 2:13; Revelation 1:3; John 13:16-17)

## INTROSPECTION

- \* WHO ARE YOU? THE WISE MAN, OR THE FOOLISH MAN? .... ARE YOU A HEARER OR A HEEDER?
- \* HOW OFTEN ARE YOU SITTING UNDER THE TEACHING OF JESUS? IN HIS WORD? (cf. John 8:31-32)