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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

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The Asclepeion of Ancient Corinth. The temple from the North.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS TO CONVENE IN OCTOBER

SILOAM

The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association is to convene in its Twenty-seventh annual session on October 5-6, with Madison Missionary Baptist Church, 214 Maple St., Madison, Tenn. Services are to begin on Friday, October 5, at 10:00 A.M.

Officers elected last year were, Elder W. T. Russell, Moderator; Elder Don Curtis, Clerk and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Treasurer.

Elder Bernard Skaggs is to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday morning and on Friday night the Memorial Sermon is to be preached by Elder Douglas Curtis. On Saturday, Elder J. D. Sanders is to preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

ENON

The Enon Missionary Baptist Association will meet in its 130th annual session on October 12, 13, 14, with Union Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Services on Friday, October 12, are to begin at 10:00 A.M.

In the 1978 session, Elder William Johnson was elected Moderator; Elder J. E. Shoulders was elected Clerk and Elder James Oliver was elected Treas.

On the first day of this session, Elder J. B. Shoulders will preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder James Oliver is to preach the Memorial Sermon on Saturday

and on Sunday the Doctrinal Sermon is to be delivered by Elder Floyd Ferguson.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On October 12, 13, 14, the Southwestern District Baptist Association is to convene in its 131st annual session with Independent Missionary Baptist Church, two miles south of Huntingdon, Tenn. on Highway 22 in Carroll County.

Elder C. F. Carter is to deliver the Introductory Sermon Friday morning. On Saturday the Doctrinal Sermon is to be brought by Elder E. F. Prince. Elder Roger Fowler will preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday.

Officers elected to serve the body last year were, Elder Harold Carver, Moderator and Bro. Ray Smith was elected as Clerk, it being his 25th year to serve in this office.

WISEMAN

The Wiseman Baptist Association will convene in its 88th annual session with Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, 1044 Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. on October 26, 27. On Friday, October 26, services are to begin at 10:00 A.M.

Officers elected at the last session were, Elder F. L. Ray, Moderator; Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Clerk and Elder A. G. Gregory, Treasurer.

Elder Hilman Duncan is to deliver the Introductory Sermon on Friday morning

and on Friday night the Memorial Sermon is to be brought by Elder D. W. Story. Elder J. W. Briley will preach the Doctrinal Sermon on Saturday.

Let Us Reason



By James H. Smith

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

God is reasonable in His demands and in all of His approaches toward this sinful, human race, and nobody is justified in saying that God is unjust and unreasonable; though we hear this said, or indicated by many people. In the above

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GOD'S CALL TO ABRAHAM

By H. C. Vanderpool

Lesson Text: Genesis 15:1-14

1. After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

2. And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this El-i-e-zer of Damascus?

3. And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

4. And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, of thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7. And he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8. And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9. And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11. And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14. And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Memory Selection: For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. (Romans 4:3).

INTRODUCTION

I trust every student of this lesson will take the time to prayerfully read and meditate upon the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth chapters of Genesis. Our devotional

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REVIVAL REPORTS

Old Hopewell Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn. Seven professions of faith with fourteen additions to the church. Pastor C. D. Miller was assisted by Elder Haywood Tuttle.

Maple Grove Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Six professions of faith with nine additions to the church. Pastor W. C. Johnson was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Piper's Chapel Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn. Four professions with four additions. Elder Cordell Earps assisted Pastor William House.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Four saved with four added to the church. Pastor Henry Smith was assisted by Elder Paul Bryson.

Rocky Mound Baptist Church, Westoreland, Tenn. Pastor James (Pete) Porter was assisted by Elder Thomas Carter. There were seven professions with twelve additions to the church.

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Alvaton, Ky. There were eight professions of faith with nine additions. Pastor Don Curtis was assisted by Elder Paul Bryson.

Brattontown Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Eight professions with six additions. Elder Guthrie Thompson assisted Pastor E. G. Williams.

Drakes Creek Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. There were five professions of faith with seven additions to the church. Pastor D. W. Story was assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson.

Lafayette, Tenn. Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Nineteen professions with fifteen additions. Pastor D. C. Barton was assisted by Elder Thomas Armstrong.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Paul Bryson was assisted by Elder Bernard Skaggs. Bro. Terry Thornton directed the singing. There were eleven professions of faith with nine additions to the church.

New Bethel Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. There were three professions of faith with four additions to the church. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool was assisted by Elder L. W. Smith.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Holland, Ky. Four professions and four additions. Pastor Kenneth Woodall was assisted by Elder A. J. Wade.

Russell Hill Baptist Church, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn. Three professions of faith with two additions to the church. Pastor Thomas Carter was assisted by Elder Gordon Wheeler and Bro. Wayne Scott led the singing.

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Hope Missionary Baptist Church is now meeting on McMinnville Highway in Manchester, Tenn. Elder Harold Dunn of Nashville is now serving the church as pastor. Services are conducted each Sunday at 11:00 A.M. Everyone is invited.

THINGS THAT FADE

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

VS.

THINGS THAT LAST!

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." --Matt. 6:19-21

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Dear Brother Vanderpool,

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Brother Henry Smith - Baptism - Saturday morning
Brother Billy Moran - Bride of Christ - Saturday afternoon.

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Yours in Christ

Southside Missionary
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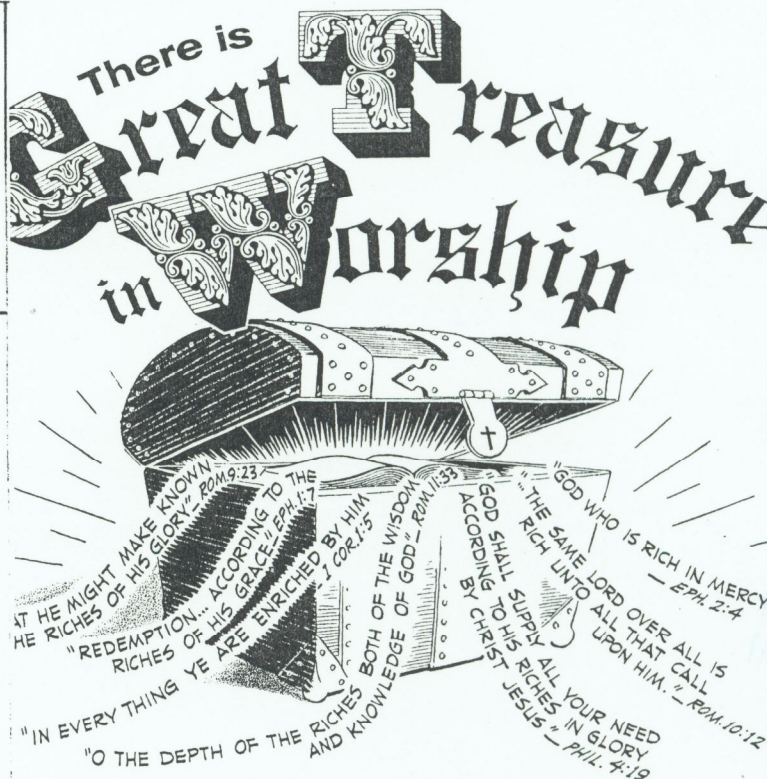
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H. C. Vanderpool, Editor



PARABOLIC TEACHING

By Elder H. C. Vanderpool

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL, BOWLING GREEN, KY.,

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"All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:" (Matthew 13:34)

PARABLE (par'a-b l, Greek parabolē, likeness), derived from the Greek verb "paraballo, composed of the preposition "para" meaning "beside" and the verb "ballo" to "cast." A parable is thus a comparison of two objects for the purpose of teaching.

Although the word properly belongs to the New Testament where it is found 46 times, it occurs 15 times in the Old Testament. There it is the translation of the Hebrew word "mashal" and means "similitude, parable, proverb."

Because of a varied definition of a parable, scholars have counted 79, 71, 59, 39, 37 and 33 parables in the New Testament.

In eastern countries from the earliest ages instruction has been extensively communicated through the medium of parables. One of the earliest parables on scripture record is that of Jotham, in which the trees are represented as seeking to anoint a king over them. (Judges 9:7-21)

Another ancient parable is that of Jehoash, wherein the thistle is described as seeking a matrimonial alliance with the cedar. (II Kings 14:8-10) One of the most outstanding parables taught in the Old Testament is that of Nathan using the ewe lamb to bring to light David's sin with the wife of Uriah. (II Sam. 12:1-14)

Christ adopted the mode of teaching by parables that is affirmed in the text, "without a parable spake he not unto them." The passage does not design to assert absolutely that he never taught any other way, but that this was the common, almost the unvarying practice of the great Teacher.

NATURE OF PARABLES

The husbandman would not soon forget the great lesson taught by the Master teacher when he spoke of the sower, the wheat and tares, of the vineyard.

When Jesus presented parables of the sheep, how well would the shepherds from the Judean hills remember, and best apply them to the work of the kingdom of heaven. (Continued on Page 4)

LET US REASON

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text the Lord is only making a loving and compassionate appeal; He is inviting sinful men to come to Him, for He has a reasonable message for the individual who will come. I have heard people say, "I am afraid of God" and so for this reason some will not come to Him. Instead of being afraid to come to Him, men need to fear the dreadful consequence of not coming, because sin must receive its punishment. But in coming to God we can receive pardon and forgiveness. So God is inviting men to come to Him for their good; He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (1 Peter 3:9).

GOD HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE FOR OUR SALVATION

The Bible tells us that all men have gone astray from God, as we learn here: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6. First, we want to see in this text that we have gone astray from God, and secondly we want to see that God has made a way for us to come back to Him. Man is separated from God because of his sins, but notice in the Word of God, it says that the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. This means that God took our sins and laid them on Jesus, His beloved Son, and Jesus bore them for us. Jesus took our sins to the cross and there he bore our punishment, for our sins, of you please. When Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood this was enough to satisfy God, whose Law man has broken, and so if sinners will come to God by faith in Jesus Christ they can have forgiveness and eternal life and never perish. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

BLESSINGS FOR THOSE WHO COME

Sinners can come to God without having to reform before they come; you may come with all your sins, just as you are without one plea, and God will cleanse you and make you free. He says, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as

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SERVICES AT HARTSVILLE, TENN. BAPTIST MISSION

On Sunday, October 21, there will be all-day services at the Hartsville Missionary Baptist Mission, Hartsville, Tenn. Sunday School will be at 10 A.M. and preaching at 11 A.M. by the mission minister, Bro. Jackie Wilburn.

Lunch is to be served at the noon hour and there will be singing in the afternoon with The Gospel Four and The King's Trio as featured groups. Everyone is invited.

A Bible Study is conducted each Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Mission. Anyone in the Hartsville, Tenn. area who can attend is invited.

SINGING

On Sunday, October 21, there is to be a singing at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn., beginning at 2:00 P.M. In addition to congregational singing and the New Bethel Youth Singers, the Landmark Ambassadors of Memphis will be the guest singers. The public is invited to attend.

REVIVALS

SUNDAY-OCTOBER 7

McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Howard G. Taylor is to be assisted by Bro. Jackie Wilburn. Services on Sunday nights at 6 P.M. and week nights at 7 P.M.

SUNDAY-OCTOBER 28

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. Pastor Kenneth Davis is to be assisted by Elder Thomas Armstrong. Services on Sunday nights at 6 P.M. and week nights at 7:30 P.M.

SINGING

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God's Call

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and background study is in the twelfth chapter.

There have been varying opinions on the call and faith of Abraham. Some believe Abraham was saved when he left Haran. Abraham was saved later and the fact of his salvation is recorded in today's lesson. But in order to present this important truth and to harmonize it with all the suggested reading, I wish to give some scriptures for introduction of the discussion.

God spoke to Abraham in Haran and said, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee." God made a promise to Abraham, but the words "I will shew thee" is future. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28). Before the sinner is given rest, he must meet God's conditions. Again Jesus said, "And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." (Mat. 19:29).

Abraham left Haran when he was seventy-five years old. He came into the land of Canaan. He came to the place of Sechem in the plain of Mo-reh. He built an altar there. God repeated his promise unto Abram. He then moved to a mountain on the east of Bethel. There he built another altar and called upon the Lord. Let me ask the question here, How many of us made altar places and called upon the Lord, some for a few times, some for many years, before calling upon the Lord with all our heart and believing with all the heart to the saving of our soul?

Abraham traveled on toward the south. Because of a famine in the land, he took Sarai (Sarah), and went into Egypt. I will not use the space here to relate the story of what happened in Egypt, but they returned to the land of Canaan in the south. Again, he goes back to Bethel, where he had been before, and again, he built an altar, calling on the Lord.

Strife began between the herdsmen of Abraham and his nephew, Lot, and it was needful for them to go separate ways. This they did. The story that follows the separation is found in chapters thirteen and fourteen. I trust these introductory references will help you better understand our lesson for today.

ABRAHAM BECOMES RIGHTEOUS

Our lesson begins with the words "After these things" that is, after the many years of history recorded in the chapters you were asked to read. The word of the Lord came to Abraham again. We have Abraham again asking the Lord what he was going to give him. Keep this in mind. After God has promised salvation to lost people, they continue to go on and on doubting the promise of God. God had told Abraham on various occasions what he was going to give him, but nothing is said in chapters 12, 13, 14 about Abraham believing the promise of God. Time and time again God gave his promise to Abraham. Time and time again Abraham built an altar and called upon the Lord. Again, God gave his promise as recorded in verses 4 and 5 of our lesson. "And he believed in the Lord: and he counted it to him for righteousness." (Genesis 15:6). This was when Abraham was saved, not before.

When Paul wrote to the brethren at

Rome he said, "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." (Romans 4:2-3).

Was Abraham saved by faith in Christ as sinners are saved today? Let the Bible answer the question. Again Paul, in writing to the churches of Galatia, said, "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." (Galatians 3:6-9).

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." (Galatians 3:16).

ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY

Before we pass from this important part of Biblical history, we wish to go back and study briefly the journey of this great man of God. Ur of the Chaldees, while Semitic-territory, was dominated by the Cushites, who were idolaters. There was no suitable environment among them for the upbuilding of a chosen nation. The objective point of the migration was the land of Canaan. The line of movement was up the Euphrates, it was not the direct route, but it was a thoroughfare of travel and provided an abundance of water and pasture land.

The migration was checked at Haran due to the death of the aged father. Abraham's brother, Nahor, seems to have later migrated as far as to Haran and there permanently settled. In Haran both Isaac and Jacob subsequently found wives among his descendants.

It is believed among some that Abraham and his company stopped for a while in Damascus. There is evidence of this fact since a servant of Abraham, Eliezer, was born at Damascus. See verse 2. He entered Canaan from the north, and continued on to Shechem.

"A few hours north of Bethel, a valley suddenly opens upon the traveler among the hills, which, though not so extensive as Esdraelon or Sharon, is yet unsurpassed in point of beauty and fertility, by any other region in the Holy Land...It runs verily north and south, and may be ten or twelve miles in length and a mile and a half in breadth...Toward the upper part of the plain the mountains which skirt its westward side fall apart, leaving a somewhat narrow defile between them, where stands Nablus, the ancient Shechem or Sychar.

A more lovely spot than that which greets the eye it would be difficult to find in any land. Streams which gush from perennial fountains, impart a bright and constant freshness to the vegetation." (1)

As already mentioned in the first portion of the lesson, Abraham's journey continued from Canaan on into Egypt and then back into the land of Canaan and there, believing in God, he became a righteous man.

After he was saved, he offered sacrifices unto God according to God's instructions. Late in the afternoon, as night began to fall, in the midst of great darkness, God told Abraham that his descendants would be strangers in another land for four hundred years, but that land would be judged by the Lord.

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Israel's Jewish population now 3,135,000

The total population of Israel stood at 3,730,000 as 1979 bowed out, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. Of these, 3,135,000 were Jews and 595,000 Arabs (excluding the administered areas).

The Arab population increased by 3.3 per cent of over the past year, and the Jewish population by 1.9 per cent.

About 26,000 olim arrived in Israel during 1978, compared to 21,300 in 1977. Jewish Agency aliya department director Yehuda Dominitz said on Sunday.

Addressing a meeting of emissaries who returned from abroad in the past two years, Dominitz noted that 12,000 Jews immigrated from the Soviet Union last year—nearly double 1977's figure of 6,300. He expects this trend to continue in 1979, he said, with total aliya coming to 35,000.

Dominitz's prediction takes into account a possible increase in aliya from the West following conclusion of a peace treaty with Egypt.

Ancient Coffin is Unearthed in Gaza

Israeli archeologists digging in the Gaza Strip have uncovered an Egyptian burial casket believed to date from the time of the pharaohs, more than 3,000 years ago.

The head of the dig at Deir el Balah, Prof. Trude Dotan of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, told reporters the 1.80-metre-long sarcophagus, made in the 13th century BCE, was buried under 13 metres of sand dunes.

She said the clay casket was shaped in human form and decorated with human images. Dotan said the coffin was sealed but when opened would probably reveal a skeleton and expensive jewelry.

The scientist said the find was extremely valuable scientifically and together with other remains at the site provided important evidence of Egyptian settlement in south Israel under the pharaohs.

LET US REASON

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snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." God has cleansing for the sinner, but the sinner must respond to His invitation and come to where the cleansing really is. You can be sure that if you come God's way He will not turn you away. Jesus, our blessed Saviour said, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I shall in no wise cast out." John 6:37. You must come to him realizing and acknowledging your sins, repenting of all your sins, trusting alone in Jesus Christ for relief from guilt and condemnation and rest for the soul. Sin is a heavy weight on the souls of men; sin causes restlessness, it causes turmoil and suffering, and will finally bring the soul down to eternal hell. God doesn't want you to carry your sins any longer. He wants you to bring your heavy load of sin and come to Jesus. Jesus wills that you come without delay; for He said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

DON'T ABUSE GOD'S GRACIOUS OFFER

You may refuse and abuse some privileges and offers that are open to you and they not become fatal to you, but if you refuse God's offer of salvation this will prove fatal, there is no way of escape from eternal burning for those who trample God's mercy under foot. Sometimes sinners become angry with those who come to them with the message of salvation and God's offer of forgiveness through the blood of Christ; but did you ever realize that the time might come when you would be glad for someone to tell you about the Saviour and salvation, and even pray for you, but they would be out of your reach? The greatest favor that anybody could do for the sinner is to tell him how to be saved, but sinners can not be saved by somebody just coming to them and telling them of salvation; the sinner man, or woman, boy or girl must take heed to what they hear and let the message sink into their heart. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to convict of sin; and you, sinner friend, could never come to Jesus without conviction. So you had better be careful how you treat the Word of God and the one who brings it to you.

PARABOLIC TEACHING

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When the fishermen from the Sea of Galilee sat at the feet of the great Teacher, their souls would burn and their spiritual desire would go forth for lost humanity, when he spoke the parables of the net and the sea.

Then, too, the housewife could easily see the value of a lost soul and the joy brought to the individual who was instrumental in the Lord's work, when Jesus taught of the lost coin being found.

While years later when John said the candlestick represented the church, Rev. 1:20, it was Jesus who taught us (when saved and possessing the spiritual light) it should be placed on the candlestick, or in plain teaching, the saved should unite with the church where all could see the good works and glorify our Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:15-16)

CLASSIFICATION OF PARABLES DIDACTIC PARABLES

A. Nature and Development of the Kingdom:

1. The Sower (Matt. 13:3-8; Mark 4:4-8; Luke 8:5-8)
2. The Tares (Matt. 13:24-30)
3. The Mustard Seed (Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:3-23; Luke 13:18-19)
4. The Leaven (Matt. 13:33; Luke 13:20-21)
5. The Hidden Treasure (Matt. 13:44)
6. The Pearl of Great Price (Matt. 13:45-46)
7. The Drag Net (Matt. 13:47-50)
8. The Blade, the Ear, the Full Corn (Mark 4:26-29)

B. Service and Rewards:

1. The Laborers in the Vineyard (Matt. 20:1-16)
2. The Talents (Matt. 25:14-30)
3. The Pounds (Luke 19:11-27)
4. The Unprofitable Servants (Luke 17:7-10)

C. Prayer:

1. The Friend at Midnight (Luke 11:5-8)
2. The Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-8)

D. Love for Neighbor:

1. The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

E. Humility:

1. The Lowest Seat at the Feast (Luke 14:7-11)
2. The Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14)

F. Worldly Wealth:

1. The Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-9)
2. The Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21)
3. The Great Supper (Luke 14:15-24)

EVANGELIC PARABLES

A. God's Love For the Lost:

1. The Lost Sheep (Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:3-7)
2. The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)
3. The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-31)

B. Gratitude of the Redeemed:

1. The Two Debtors (Luke 7:41-43)

PROPHETIC AND JUDICIAL PARABLES

A. Watchfulness for Christ's Return:

1. The Ten Virgins (Matt. 25:1-13)
2. The Faithful and Unfaithful Servants (Matt. 24:45-51; Luke 12:42-48)
3. The Watchful Porter (Mark 13:34-37)

B. Judgment on Israel and Within the Kingdom:

1. The Two Sons (Matt. 21:28-32)

2. The Wicked Husbandman (Matt. 21:33-34; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-18)
3. The Barren Fig Tree (Luke 13:6-9)
4. The Marriage Feast of the King's Son (Matt. 22:1-14)
5. The Unforgiving Servant (Matt. 18:23-25)

MINISTER'S OWN PARABOLIC TEACHING

There may be times during the course of preaching when a preacher may be able to use something of a material nature to present a truth in connection with the message. This can be helpful if correctly used. However, he should never go so far in his imagination or exaltation of ideas that he would misrepresent the truth of the lesson or misapply his parabolic lesson. This is a field of teaching where the preacher should be restrained from misapplication.

GOD'S REVELATION TO HUMANITY

Since the beginning of time God has, in various ways, revealed Himself to humanity.

While there may be varied ideas and opinions on this subject, we believe, as the Bible says, that when God called upon Adam to name all animals and fowls of the air, Adam knew God was speaking with him.

When Adam and Eve had sinned and went to hide themselves in the garden, God revealed Himself to them in a way and manner that the fallen couple knew it was God dealing with them.

"Nevertheless he left not himself without witness," (Acts 14:17)

God has revealed Himself:

Through the Firmament (Psalm 19:1) (Romans 1:20)

Through his Son, Jesus (John 1:14-18; Luke 10:22)

While Jesus was from heaven, he took on him the body of humanity that he could die for lost sinners and understand our problems and burdens of life.

For this reason, we should better understand why Jesus used so many earthly things in parables to teach to mankind the truths concerning the kingdom of heaven and the overall will of God in our lives.

OBJECTS AND THINGS USED IN PARABLES

Some of the things used in parables were: Sheep, wolves, wheat, tares, fish, good and bad; rocks, sand, salt, light, fruit, thorns, fire, wind, gold, silver, wood, hay, stubble, birds, hogs, dogs, etc.

As already stated in this lesson, a minister may use various objects at times to illustrate Bible truth. This should be done in a strict manner and not in a way that would cause the truth to be obscured.

A parable not satisfactorily understood, should be left alone. This preacher has studied a number of years on some parables before using them. While there may be agreement among many ministers on some given parable, there may be various ideas and interpretations on others.

Jesus used parables to bring to mind the errors and sins of the selfrighteous, as was true with the Pharisees. (Mark 12:12) "And they sought to lay hold on him, but he feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way."

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35)

If we recognize the lesson taught in this parable today as Jesus taught his disciples two thousand years ago by it, we will see the thousands of lost people wandering in sin and in need of salvation. NOT TOMORROW, BUT TODAY!!!

May we, the servants of God, study use, apply and teach to others, the parables of the Bible to win lost souls to Christ, to edify the children of God, and to glorify our heavenly Father.

TV REVIVAL Crossville, Tenn.

October 28 — November 2
Services nightly 7:30 P.M.

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There is to be a revival held in the large studio of WCPT-TV, Channel 55, Crossville, Tenn. October 28 through November 2. This studio will hold as many people as an average church building. It is being sponsored by the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast. The TV station is donating the studio along with two or three people who will televise all services for the purpose of telecast later.

The six Baptist ministers who are to preach the six nights of the meeting will be Brethren Paul W. Bryson, Thomas Carter, A. G. Gregory, William House, Bob Pitt and H. C. Vanderpool.

The time has been set so those driving a distance may be able to attend after working hours. Take I-40 to Crossville and exit on the Genesis Road Exit, turn north across I-40 and the station is on the right. Pray for the meeting and come help if possible!

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