



The Parables Of Jesus

Lesson 2

Friends of the Bridegroom

New Patches – Old Wineskins

“He that has ears, let him hear!” Matthew 13:9

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❖ **Review**

- Where parables fit in Jesus' ministry
- What is a parable?
- Key theme and progression of themes
- Why Jesus used parables

❖ **Approach to a Study of the Parables**

- Look for the given explanation
- Consider context clues
- Seek the key message
- Resist any urge to make the parable teach a unique doctrine
- Make application – allow God to use them to change us

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❖ Friends of the Bridegroom (Mt. 9:14-17)

- Why fast?
 - Mourning: Nehemiah 1:3-4
 - Sorrow: 2nd Samuel 12:16
 - Times of distress: 2nd Chronicles 20:3
- Jesus' response: Illustration of the bridegroom
- Jesus brings Joy!
 - Isaiah 61:1-3 – “the oil of joy for (in place of) mourning”
 - John 15:9-11 – “that your joy may be full”
 - John 4:13-14 – “a fountain of water springing up into eternal life”
 - 1st John 1:3-4 – “that your joy may be full!”

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❖ Patches and Wineskins

- Question 8 – What problem will the new patch cause on the old garment?
- Question 9 – What problem will the new wine cause when placed in old wineskins?
- Should Jesus conform to the Pharisees brand of righteousness?
 - Adulterated the truth
 - Distorted what righteousness should look like
 - Eliminated the joy of serving God
- The disciples of John need to fully embrace Jesus
 - John 3:28-29 John testified, “This joy of mine is fulfilled.”
- Time for the new to replace the old
 - 2nd Cor. 5:17 “old things are passed away, behold all things are become new!”

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❖ **Jesus is not interested in making us comfortable**

- We must never be satisfied with our spiritual maturity
- It is a dynamic and challenging process of growth

❖ **He wants us to become more like Him**

- Rom. 8:29 “Conformed to the image of His Son.”
- 2nd Cor. 3:18 – “Transformed into the same image.”
- Eph. 4:13-15 – “Grow up in all things into Him... Christ.”
- Eph. 3:16-19 – “That you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”
- Col. 1:27 – “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

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❖ **Parables applied help us keep growing**

- Enduring trial
- When wronged
- Tempted by wealth/possessions
- Drawn to keeping time, energy and resources for self

❖ **Parables Can Help Us:**

- To see things more from God's perspective
- To better appreciate how God feels about the lost and His great desire to save them.
- To develop more of that desire for ourselves