



KINGDOM PARABLES



THE PARABLE	SOME DETAILS	KINGDOM SIGNIFICANCE
The Sower and the Soils (Luke 8:4-15)	• Explanation given in Scripture • Specific allegorical interpretation	The gospel is fruitful only in a heart that hears and understands the good news, yet the message must still be shared like the casting of seed on the ground.
The Wheat and the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30,36-43)	• Explanation given in Scripture • Specific allegorical interpretation	The Father's kingdom will come in its fullness at the end of the age when the unrighteous will be condemned to hell and the righteous glorified and blessed.
The Mustard Seed/Leaven (Matthew 13:31-33; see also Mark 4:30-32)	• Two parables with similar meanings	The kingdom will start small but will have a very large impact upon the world, permeating it in its entirety.
The Hidden Treasure and the Priceless Pearl (Matthew 13:44-46)	• Two parables with similar meanings	The kingdom is worth sacrificing everything we have to be a part of it.
The Net (Matthew 13:47-50)	• Explanation given in Scripture • Specific allegorical interpretation	The king will separate the evil from the righteous at the end of the age, sending the former to fire, sorrow, and anguish.
The Lost Sheep/Coin (Luke 15:1-10)	• Two parables with similar meanings	The kingdom of heaven rejoices over even one sinner who repents.
The Lost Son(s) (Luke 15:11-32)	• Extended story with some allegorical interpretation • Meaning found in actions and words of father and brothers	The kingdom of heaven rejoices over a sinner who repents; refusal to rejoice indicates someone has not become part of the kingdom.
The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)	• Hyperbolic parable • Meaning found in actions and words of king and servants	The king has forgiven far more than we deserve, so citizens of the kingdom extend forgiveness to others.
The Vineyard Workers (Matthew 20:1-16)	• Specific allegorical interpretation • Meaning found in landowner's actions and words	The Lord is faithful to reward His servants as promised; the same eternal salvation is offered to those who believe "last."

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