

# THE PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST

*"So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: 'I will open my mouth in parables. I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.'" ([Matthew 13:35](#)).*

The above reference to "the prophet" relates to [Psalms 78:2-3](#), attributed to King David about 1000 years before Matthew's Gospel: *"I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old – things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us."*

What is a parable? In layman's terms, a parable could be described as an **earthly story with a Kingdom meaning**. These are accounts of Jesus Christ sharing a message with His listeners/followers in an attempt to convey a specific point. As our relationship with Christ becomes more personal, we are invited to explore a deeper meaning of His parables.

Page 2 includes a chart listing Parable references from 6 different versions of the Holy Bible. Linked on pages 3 and 4 are Parables from the synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke. Although the Gospel of John contains allegories, there are usually no Parables associated therein. If online, clicking any link takes you directly to the respective verse within the New International Version (NIV) Bible.

This document is encouraged for use in Bible studies, Sunday School/Religious Education, small Home & Church Faith sharing groups, personal Faith enrichment and anywhere/everywhere else a desire to spread the Good News of Jesus exists. Amen!

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<b>ESV (67)</b>	<b>KJV (63)</b>	<b>NABRE (80)</b>
<a href="#">Old Testament (6)</a> <a href="#">Psalm (1)</a> <a href="#">Ezekiel (4)</a> <a href="#">Hosea (1)</a>	<a href="#">Old Testament (18)</a> <a href="#">Numbers (7)</a> <a href="#">Job (2)</a> <a href="#">Psalm (2)</a> <a href="#">Proverbs (2)</a> <a href="#">Ezekiel (3)</a> <a href="#">Micah (1)</a> <a href="#">Habakkuk (1)</a>	<a href="#">Old Testament (10)</a> <a href="#">2 Samuel (1)</a> <a href="#">Psalm (1)</a> <a href="#">Ben Sira (1)</a> <a href="#">Isaiah (1)</a> <a href="#">Ezekiel (5)</a> <a href="#">Hosea (1)</a>
<a href="#">New Testament (61)</a> <a href="#">Matthew (24)</a> <a href="#">Mark (13)</a> <a href="#">Luke (24)</a>	<a href="#">New Testament (45)</a> <a href="#">Matthew (16)</a> <a href="#">Mark (11)</a> <a href="#">Luke (17)</a> <a href="#">John (1)</a>	<a href="#">New Testament (70)</a> <a href="#">Matthew (25)</a> <a href="#">Mark (13)</a> <a href="#">Luke (32)</a>

<b>NIV (69)</b>	<b>NKJV (73)</b>	<b>NLT (58)</b>
<a href="#">Old Testament (6)</a> <a href="#">Psalm (1)</a> <a href="#">Proverbs (1)</a> <a href="#">Ezekiel (3)</a> <a href="#">Hosea (1)</a>	<a href="#">Old Testament (6)</a> <a href="#">Judges (1)</a> <a href="#">2 Samuel (1)</a> <a href="#">Psalm (1)</a> <a href="#">Ezekiel (3)</a>	<a href="#">Old Testament (4)</a> <a href="#">Judges (1)</a> <a href="#">Psalm (1)</a> <a href="#">Proverbs (1)</a> <a href="#">Hosea (1)</a>
<a href="#">New Testament (63)</a> <a href="#">Matthew (24)</a> <a href="#">Mark (13)</a> <a href="#">Luke (26)</a>	<a href="#">New Testament (67)</a> <a href="#">Matthew (26)</a> <a href="#">Mark (14)</a> <a href="#">Luke (27)</a>	<a href="#">New Testament (54)</a> <a href="#">Matthew (23)</a> <a href="#">Mark (11)</a> <a href="#">Luke (20)</a>

#	PARABLE (1-20 of 40)	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
1	The Lamp	<a href="#">5:14-16</a>	<a href="#">4:21-25</a>	<a href="#">8:16-18</a> <a href="#">11:33</a>
2	Wise and Foolish Builders	<a href="#">7:24-27</a>		<a href="#">6:47-49</a>
3	New Cloth on an Old Coat	<a href="#">9:16</a>	<a href="#">2:21</a>	<a href="#">5:36</a>
4	New Wine into Old Wineskins	<a href="#">9:17</a>	<a href="#">2:22</a>	<a href="#">5:37-39</a>
5	Sower and the Soils - Explanation	<a href="#">13:1-17</a> <a href="#">13:18-23</a>	<a href="#">4:1-12</a> <a href="#">4:13-20</a>	<a href="#">8:1-8</a> <a href="#">8:9-15</a>
6	Weeds - Explanation	<a href="#">13:24-30</a> <a href="#">13:36-43</a>		
7	Mustard Seed	<a href="#">13:31-32</a>	<a href="#">4:30-32</a>	<a href="#">13:18-19</a>
8	Yeast	<a href="#">13:33</a>		<a href="#">13:20-21</a>
9	Hidden Treasure	<a href="#">13:44</a>		
10	Valuable Pearl	<a href="#">13:45-46</a>		
11	Net	<a href="#">13:47-50</a>		
12	Owner of a House	<a href="#">13:52</a>		
13	Lost/Wandering Sheep	<a href="#">18:10-14</a>		<a href="#">15:1-7</a>
14	Unmerciful Servant	<a href="#">18:21-35</a>		
15	Workers in the Vineyard	<a href="#">20:1-16</a>		
16	Two Sons	<a href="#">21:28-32</a>		
17	Tenants	<a href="#">21:33-46</a>	<a href="#">12:1-12</a>	<a href="#">20:9-19</a>
18	Wedding Banquet	<a href="#">22:1-14</a>		
19	Fig Tree	<a href="#">24:32-35</a>	<a href="#">13:28-31</a>	<a href="#">21:29-31</a>
20	Faithful and Wise Servant	<a href="#">24:45-51</a>		<a href="#">12:42-48</a>

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21	Ten Virgins	<a href="#">25:1-13</a>		
22	Bags of Gold/Ten Minas	<a href="#">25:14-30</a>		<a href="#">19:11-27</a>
23	Sheep and the Goats	<a href="#">25:31-46</a>		
24	Growing Seed		<a href="#">4:26-29</a>	
25	Watchful Servants		<a href="#">13:35-37</a>	
26	Moneylender			<a href="#">7:41-43</a>
27	Good Samaritan			<a href="#">10:25-37</a>
28	Friend at Midnight			<a href="#">11:5-13</a>
29	Rich Fool			<a href="#">12:13-21</a>
30	Unfruitful Fig Tree			<a href="#">13:6-9</a>
31	Lowest Seat at the Feast			<a href="#">14:7-14</a>
32	Great Banquet			<a href="#">14:15-24</a>
33	Cost of Discipleship			<a href="#">14:28-33</a>
34	Lost Coin			<a href="#">15:8-10</a>
35	Lost (Prodigal) Son			<a href="#">15:11-32</a>
36	Shrewd Manager			<a href="#">16:1-14</a>
37	Rich Man and Lazarus			<a href="#">16:19-31</a>
38	Master and His Servant			<a href="#">17:7-10</a>
39	Persistent Widow			<a href="#">18:1-8</a>
40	Pharisee & the Tax Collector			<a href="#">18:9-14</a>