

"Teaching In Parables"

Sunday - Read the first page (17) and answer the following questions.

- 1) What principle is seen in Christ parable teaching? (17.1)
- 2) Men could learn of the _____ through the _____; _____ things were revealed through the _____; (17.1)
- 3) How does this relate to the incarnation of Christ?
- 4) List two things that Christ connected with the truths of the written word. (17.2)
- 5) Christ parables lead us "from the _____ to the _____ kingdom." (17.2)
- 6) Christ parables are links...that unite what? (17.2)

Comment: Heaven has been called the "higher school", earth is essentially a preschool for humanity, or at best a kindergarten class. Hence to make learning interesting God designed the natural world with its variety of shapes and colors, and living things that grow and progressively convey lessons as our understanding matures.

Monday - Read the next page (18) and answer the following questions.

- 7) In their original perfection all created things were an expression of what? (18.1)
- 8) What caused the brightness from the face of God, to depart from the face of nature?(18.1)
- 9) What three things given to reveal God, became a means of concealing Him? (18.2)

Comment: The same holds true in our present experience. If we give in to temptation and sin, not only will our growth be stunted, but our understanding of the things of God will imperceptibly grow dim.

It is truly amazing that Satan is able to take that which God creates as a blessing, and turn it into a curse. This occurs not only for on an intellectual and spiritual level, he accomplishes the same results in the physical realm such as turning grapes and barley into alcohol.

Tuesday - Read the next two pages (19-20) and answer the following questions.

- 10) Christ _____ the message which _____ had given to the lilies and the grass of the field. (19.3)
- 11) So wide was Christ's view of truth...that _____ of nature was employed in illustrating truth. The scenes upon which the eye daily rests were _____ with some spiritual truth, so that nature is _____ with the parables of the Master. (20.1)

Comment: Knowing that Christ has "clothed" every created thing with illustrations of divine wisdom and truth should draw our attention away from human productions, to be entertained by the living canvas of creation and its live motion pictures.

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Wednesday - Read the next two pages (21-22) answer answer the following questions.

12) ...as they looked upon the _____ that illustrated His _____, they recalled the words of the divine Teacher...the significance of the Saviour's teaching unfolded _____ and _____. (21.1)

13) In parables He _____ the hypocrisy and wicked works of those who occupied high positions.. (22.1)

14) In the Saviour's parable teaching is an indication of what constitutes the true _____ ..In all His teaching, Christ brought the mind of man in contact with the _____ ..He taught them to behold Him as manifested in His _____, in His _____, and by His _____. (22.2)

Comment: God in His infinite wisdom has created things in nature and His word to gradually reveal truth layer by layer as we are able to better comprehend spiritual things. The lesson we grasp at our first inquiry is only the beginning. Subsequent lessons and applications will be drawn as we continue to explore the things God has given for our learning without any contradiction to the original lesson we learned in our simplicity.

Thursday - Read the next two pages (23-24) and answer the following questions.

15) When the Lord was training Israel to be the special representatives of Himself, He gave them homes among the _____ and _____. (23.2)

16) Through the _____ we are to become acquainted with the _____. (24.1)

17) The book of _____...in connection with the _____ we are to use in teaching others of His character. (24.1)

18) Too often the minds of students are occupied with men's _____ and _____, falsely called _____ and _____. (24.2)

Comment: What a revelation of the Father's character is reflected in how Christ taught His disciples. He did not lead them as a King leading an army or his subjects, but according to the instruction given through Moses, Christ led them as little children. What a change would be seen in the church if this tender manifestation was reflected in all of methods and modes of imparting instruction.

Friday - Read the next two pages (25-26) and answer the following questions.

19) What should we do on the holy rest day, above all other days? (25.1)

20) Where should we study the Saviour's parables? (25.1)

21) In every line of _____ and every _____ of life, He desires us to find a lesson of _____. (26.1)

Comment: Everyday all around us are precious lessons which go unnoticed. We should strive with all fervency to not allow such a state of things to exist upon the Sabbath. As we acknowledge the memorial of creation, let us not forget to notice things God's hand created, and receive all the blessings which await us beneath the surface.