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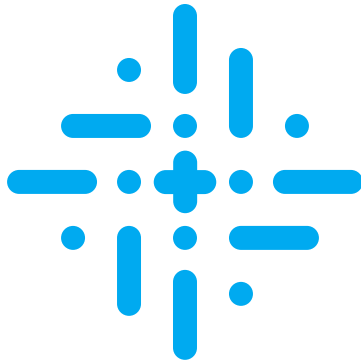
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Welcome!

The 2016 WYR Bible Bowl Committee would like to formally invite all of you to this year's Bible Bowl at Winter Youth Rally.

We're so excited to host this competition for everyone, and we can't wait to watch you answer questions, challenge each other, and grow in knowledge of Christ.

In this packet, you'll find all of the details about question material, format, and rules regarding the competition. If you have any questions about the packet, Bible Bowl, or the platform we'll be using, don't hesitate to ask!

*- The Bible Bowl Committee
Christina, Dean, John, Julie & Zoe*

Overview

As with any competition, there are always rules. Written rules ensure fairness throughout competition play and prevent disputes by providing a single code that all contestants and administrators can call upon in case of infractions or disputes.

The rules and regulations of Bible Bowl 2016 are broken down into the following categories:

Contestants Advisors

Administrators Matches

These rules may be revised by the Bible Bowl Committee at any time and will be implemented at the start of the next full match or prior to the start of competition, whichever occurs first. If the rules and regulations are changed, contestants and advisors will be notified by the Bible Bowl Committee.

It is the responsibility of the contestants and advisors to follow the rules and regulations and abide by any changes to them. Failure to read or listen to any notification of a rule or regulation change does not excuse the breaking of any rules.

All decisions regarding rules by members of the Bible Bowl Committee during the competition are FINAL. If an advisor feels their team was treated unfairly, they may appeal to the Metropolis Youth Coordinator at the end of the tournament for a review of the decision and a possible rule change for the following year's tournament.

Questions or concerns about Bible Bowl rules and regulations should be directed to Dean Papastrat or Julie Moricz. You can find their contact information at the end of this packet. Please **do not** contact Dean with any complaints about rule violations or grievances during the tournament itself, as he will be busy ensuring the tournament runs smoothly and will not be able to respond to your requests.

The following pages contain all the rules for the Bible Bowl 2016 Tournament.

Please read them carefully!

Contestants

A contestant refers to any individual competing in the Bible Bowl tournament.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for competition in the Bible Bowl, a contestant must:

- be a student in grades 8-12
- have not graduated high school
- be attending Winter Youth Rally
- be registered as a competitor in the WYR management system
- be a part of a team competing at WYR

Contestants must stay on the team they registered for. For example, if a parish sent two Bible Bowl teams to WYR and Team A lost the first match but Team B won, members of Team A could not transfer to Team B.

There is an exception to this rule:

If a person is not able to attend Winter Youth Rally due to illness, family issues, school events, or some type of unforeseen circumstance, the team the person was on may appeal to the Youth Coordinator and Bible Bowl Committee to allow a replacement already registered for WYR to take the place of the original contestant. Any such appeal must be submitted ASAP and the change must occur before the start of the first match.

CONDUCT

The basic guideline for all Bible Bowl conduct can be boiled down to a single, simple word: respect. Contestants are expected to respect their teammates, the opposing team, their fellow parishioners, any and all spectators, the moderators, the theologians, the hotel staff, and all other Winter Youth Rally participants.

The next page contains some examples of the behavior we expect from contestants at the tournament.

CONDUCT CONT.



You Should:

- Greet the other team before the match begins
- Kindly shake the hands of the opposing team at the end of the match and use good sportsmanship
- Politely raise a point of order if there's an administrative issue
- Quietly wait outside the door or walk in a few minutes early to your match and watch the teams before you finish competing



You Should Not:

- Put down other teams, parishes, administrators or contestants in any way
- Say answers to questions when you aren't competing
- Cheer noisily and disrupt the flow of the match
- Argue with the moderator or theologian about acceptance of an answer
- Barge into the middle of a match that's wrapping up and distract contestants from the questions
- Show up late to your matches

Failure to show respect to others can result in your team forfeiting a match or being disqualified from the entire tournament depending on the level of offense. This decision can be made by the combination of the priest and moderator, who reserve the right to dismiss at their own discretion.

Please make sure to be on your best behavior!

Advisors

Advisors are the equivalent of coaches for Bible Bowl teams. They are the main liaisons between the Bible Bowl administration and the contestants, as well as guides to help contestants as they study the Bible and grow in knowledge of Christ. We encourage advisors to always be with their teams during the matches, as they are the only ones allowed to protest answers.

This being said, advisors are not the people competing, and are expected to set a good example for their teams. Please refrain from making derogatory comments about our administration - they try their best and have given up their time to help.

When to Challenge: Guidelines

There are 3 times where it is acceptable to challenge a moderator's decision on whether an answer is correct or not:

1. The answer is BLATANTLY wrong.

Example: Name the 4 Gospels; the other team says "Matthew, Mark, Peter, and John" and is still awarded credit.

2. A judging guideline explicitly defined in the Study Guide is not followed.

Example: Your team says the books of the Bible that contain the parables are Matthew, Mark, and Luke, but the moderator says the answer is wrong.

3. The score is calculated wrong.

Example: Your team answered correctly, but the system never awarded points.

DO NOT try to challenge for any other reasons.

Another important aspect of being an advisor is knowing when and how to challenge.

To challenge, please politely let the moderator know of any error immediately after it occurs so that we can try and remedy it before the match continues on and it becomes difficult to fix. However, if a theologian has made a decision about an answer, please do not challenge it. Priest and/or theologian decisions are final and cannot be changed by advisors.

As the Bible Bowl continues to mature and develop, the administration also looks to advisors to help us understand what can be improved about Bible Bowl in the future. Please contact us if you have any feedback for next year.

Administrators

Administrators consist of the Bible Bowl Committee, moderators, priests, and Winter Youth Rally staff. Their job is to ensure the Bible Bowl tournament runs smoothly, fairly, and on time. They may be college students, theologians, young adults, parent volunteers, or Metropolis staff.

Administrators are expected to behave like mature, responsible adults throughout the entire Winter Youth Rally. They should not make any negative remarks about contestants, parishes, or other administrators. Doing so is both unprofessional and rude, which may result in a removal from an administrative position for the following year's tournament.

Administrators should try to remove personal bias towards any particular parish during the tournament, but if they are unable to, they should ask another administrator to help with the issue. For example, if a moderator's home parish is competing, the moderator should try to avoid moderating that match and hand it off to a different person. This helps ensure fairness throughout the tournament. The same applies for priests, who should try to avoid being involved in matches where their parish is competing. The Bible Bowl Committee will do their best to prevent any such scheduling from occurring, but administrators are expected to follow this guideline if a scheduling error occurs.

Interested in being a
Bible Bowl moderator?

Let us know!

contact information at end of packet

Matches

A match refers to a competition between two Bible Bowl teams.

FORMAT

All rounds in the 2016 Bible Bowl will follow a Jeopardy format. Each round will have 4 categories with 5 questions per category, resulting in a total of 20 questions per round. The starting team will be determined by a random selector programmed in the Bible Bowl Network platform.

The first team will select any available question and then have 30 seconds to answer the question **after it has been read in full**. If they get it correct, the other team then chooses a question and it alternates back and forth. If the first team gets the question wrong, the other team will have 15 seconds to steal the question. Whether or not the stolen question is answered correctly, they will still choose next. If no one wins the question, no points are awarded.

A clergy member/theologian and a moderator are responsible for being at each match. The moderator will announce and run the system while the theologian will resolve any conflicts and work with the moderator to determine any possible incidences of cheating. Any cheating must be reported to the Bible Bowl/WYR Committees immediately and will result in instant disqualification for the team in question if they are found guilty by the Bible Bowl/WYR Committees.

Phones/devices of the competing teams, as well as any study materials, must be surrendered to the theologian upon the start of the round. If any phones, devices or study materials are found during the tournament, the team will be instantly disqualified. Contestants will get phones back immediately after competition ends for the evening.

Each round will begin and be released at the same times to prevent cheating and disruption of ongoing matches. For scheduling purposes, all matches are for a maximum of 30 minutes. Due to time constraints it is important to move from match to match quickly.

PLATFORM

The entirety of the 2016 Bible Bowl will use the newly-developed Bible Bowl Network platform to run matches. Parishes will be able to register and experience the platform and format prior to the actual competition at Winter Youth Rally. This will help parishes be able to practice more effectively while also providing a service to the entire Metropolis of Atlanta. Currently, the platform is under final stages of development, so it is open for people to sign up for the test version and receive notification when we release it for practice use. Make sure you sign up so you can access the practice round with example questions as soon as it is available.

The platform itself has evolved in the past 10 months and will be more stable and user friendly this year. We appreciate all of the feedback we have received to enable us to further enhance the Bible Bowl competition and our network.

Sign up for the platform at
www.biblebowl.network

A sample round will be provided upon release

we highly recommend you sign up!

Overview

MAIN THEME: THE PARABLES

For the 2016 Winter Youth Rally, the Bible Bowl will focus on 31 parables from the life of Christ. These parables are:

Parable of the Sower	Parable of the Sheep and the Lost Coin
Parable of the Tares	Parable of the Prodigal Son
Parable of the Mustard Seed	Parable of the Unrighteous Steward
Parable of the Leaven	Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus
Parable of the Treasure	Parable of the Sheep and the Goats
Parable of the Pearl	Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee
Parable of the Net	Parable of the Importunate Widow
Parable of the Unmerciful Servant	Parable of the Rich Fool
Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard	Parable of the Good Samaritan
Parable of the Marriage Feast	Parable of the Servants Waiting for Their Lord
Parable of the Ten Virgins	Parable of the Great Supper
Parable of the Talents	Parable of the Two Debtors
Parable of the Pounds	Parable of the Tower-Builder and the King Who Would Go to War
Parable of the Barren Fig Tree	Parable of the Good Shepherd
Parable of the Two Sons	
Parable of the Vineyard	

The following pages contain information about this year's content as a whole, as well as each individual parable. We've tried to compile as much information as possible into this packet so that any people without immediate access to an Orthodox Study Bible can still have an opportunity to learn and compete.

Additional Knowledge

BASIC BIBLE INFORMATION

Participants should be able to recall and list the following:

- The Twelve Apostles
- The Testaments (Old and New)
- The Gospel Books

EVENTS OF THE CHURCH

Participants should have basic knowledge of these specific events, so that if they're referred to, participants can understand the reference. We won't quiz these events directly. We're not focusing on any events not related to Christ in particular since we're only working within the Gospel right now.

- The Annunciation
- Dormition of the Theotokos
- Epiphany
- Nativity of Christ
- Pascha/Easter
- Presentation of Christ to the Temple
- The Transfiguration

ORTHODOX TRADITION

Participants should be familiar with the following:

- The Nicene Creed
- The Lord's Prayer
- The layout of a church, specifically the altar, iconostasia, dome/pantocrator, narthex and nave

How Should We Study?

Only you know what study methods work best for you. However, we can provide some data behind the mysterious question-writing process to help you figure out the different approaches you should take when writing practice questions, reviewing verses, etc.

There are 4 general categories of questions:

Overview - background information on the topic

Interpreting - applying scripture in an Orthodox context

Understanding - reading comprehension-style questions about passages

Quoting - filling in blanks in verses and/or reciting key verses from memory

There are also 5 difficulty levels:

Basic- should be able to answer with regular Church attendance, no extra studying

Intermediate- should be able to answer with regular attendance and catechism

Advanced- should be able to answer with the above and regular reading

Challenging- should be able answer with the above, plus consistent studying

Difficult- should be able to answer with the above, plus dedicated theological study

The following chart shows an example of how the questions will be distributed in terms of difficulty and category, given that there are have 20 questions per round.

Difficulty	Overview	Interpreting	Understanding	Quoting
Basic	2	1	1	0
Intermediate	1	1	2	0
Advanced	0	0	2	2
Challenging	0	0	2	2
Difficult	0	0	1	3

What Is a Parable?

According to Archbishop Dmitri's *The Parables*, parables "are generally illustrations of spiritual things by means of familiar earthly things and incidents." In essence, a parable is an analogy that explains a spiritual topic through an example rooted in the material world.

From a rhetorical standpoint, Christ used parables along with parallelism, proverbs, and other methods to help teach the Jews about the Kingdom of God and connect with them in a way that made sense to them.

Where Are Parables Found?

The parables can be found in the Gospels of the Bible. Three of the Gospels are universally recognized as including at least one parable - Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Some of the parables are found in more than one of the Gospels such as the Parable of the Marriage Feast.

John has some allegories that can be considered parables. For the purposes of this tournament, it does include a parable: The Parable of the Good Shepherd.

Accepted Answer Guidelines

If a question asks "Where are the parables located," any of the following will be accepted:

- The Gospels
- The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke
- The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- Matthew, Mark, and Luke (*Gospel is implied*)
- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (*Gospel is implied*)

DO NOT try to be more specific or more general.

We know there have been issues regarding acceptable answers in the past. New accepted answer guidelines aim to remove any vagueness and ensure fairness.

Parable of the Sower

PARABLE VERSES

In Your Bible

Matthew 13:1-9, 13:18-23

Mark 4:1-9, 4:13-20

Luke 8:4-15

Matthew 13:1-9 (The Parable of the Sower)

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

Then He spoke many things to them in the parables, saying: "Behold a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But the others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty; He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Matthew 13:18-23 (The Sower Explained)

"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received the seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the world, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received the seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Mark 4:1-20 (The Parable of the Sower)

And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching:

"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some

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Mark 4:1-20 (The Parable of the Sower)

seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirty-fold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

Mark 4:13-20 (The Parable of the Sower Explained)

"And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirty-fold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

Luke 8:4-8 (The Parable of the Sower)

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Luke 8:11-15 (The Parable of the Sower Explained)

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Parable of the Tares

PARABLE VERSES

In Your Bible

Matthew 13:24-30
Matthew 13:36-43

Matthew 13:24-30 (Parable of the Tares)

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

Matthew 13:36-43 (Parable of the Tares)

And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!



Study Tip

Some parables have words that we don't regularly use in modern English. Be sure to **look up** words that you do not understand.

Parable of the Mustard Seed

PARABLE VERSES

Matthew 13:31-32 (Parable of the Mustard Seed)

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

Mark 4:30-32 (Parable of the Mustard Seed)

Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

Luke 13:18-19 (Parable of the Mustard Seed)

Then He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches."

In Your Bible

Matthew 13:31-32
Mark 4:30-32
Luke 13:18-19

Parable of the Leaven

PARABLE VERSES

Matthew 13:33 (Parable of the Leaven)

Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

Matthew 13:20-21 (Parable of the Leaven)

And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

In Your Bible

Matthew 13:33
Luke 13:20-21

Parable of the Treasure

PARABLE VERSES

Matthew 13:44 (Parable of the Treasure)

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

 In Your Bible

Matthew 13:44

Parable of the Pearl

PARABLE VERSES

Matthew 13:45-46 (Parable of the Pearl)

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

 In Your Bible

Matthew 13:45-46

Parable of the Net

PARABLE VERSES

Matthew 13:47-50 (Parable of the Net)

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

 In Your Bible

Matthew 13:47-50

Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

PARABLE VERSES

In Your Bible

Matthew 18:21-35
Luke 17:3-4

Matthew 18:21-35 (Parable of the Unmerciful Servant)

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Luke 17:3-4 (Forgiving Others)

Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

PARABLE VERSES

Matthew 20:1-16 (Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard)

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’

So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

 In Your Bible

Matthew 20:1-16

Parable of the Marriage Feast

PARABLE VERSES

In Your Bible

Matthew 22:1-14

Luke 14:7-24

Matthew 22:1-14 (Parable of the Marriage Feast)

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' ' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

For many are called, but few are chosen."

Luke 14:7-24 (Parable of the Marriage Feast)

So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just." Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread

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Luke 14:7-24 (Parable of the Marriage Feast) continued

in the kingdom of God!" Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'

Parable of the Ten Virgins

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Matthew 22:1-14 (Parable of the Ten Virgins)

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

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Matthew 25:1-13

Parable of the Talents

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Matthew 25:14-30

Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of the Talents)

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Parable of the Pounds

PARABLE VERSES

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Luke 19:11-27

Luke 19:11-27 (Parable of the Pounds)

Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.' Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.' "

Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

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Matthew 21:18-22 (Parable of the Barren Fig Tree)

Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Matthew 21:18-22
Mark 11:20-26

Mark 11:20-26 (Parable of the Barren Fig Tree)

Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Parable of the Two Sons

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Matthew 21:28-32 (Parable of the Two Sons)

“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

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Matthew 21:28-32

Parable of the Vineyard

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Matthew 21:33-46 (Parable of the Vineyard)

“Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a wine-press in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vine-dressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vine-dressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vine-dressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vine-dressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-dressers?” They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vine-dressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?’ “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.” Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

Mark 12:1-12 (Parable of the Vineyard)

Then He began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a place for the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vine-dressers and went into a far country. Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vine-dressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vine-dressers. And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated. And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some. Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But those vine-dressers said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they took him and killed him and cast him out of the vineyard. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-dressers,

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Matthew 21:33-46

Mark 12:1-12

Luke 20:9-19

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Mark 12:1-12 (Parable of the Vineyard) continued

and give the vineyard to others. Have you not even read this Scripture: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?'" And they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away.

Luke 20:9-19 (Parable of the Vineyard)

Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vine-dressers, and went into a far country for a long time. Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vine-dressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vine-dressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.' But when the vine-dressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those vine-dressers and give the vineyard to others." And when they heard it they said, "Certainly not!" Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone?' "Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people--for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

Parable of the Sheep and the Lost Coin

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Matthew 18:10-14 (Parable of the Sheep and the Lost Coin)

“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Luke 15:1-10 (Parable of the Sheep and the Lost Coin)

Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.” So He spoke this parable to them, saying: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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Matthew 18:10-14
Luke 15:1-10

Parable of the Prodigal Son

PARABLE VERSES

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Luke 15:11-32

Luke 15:11-32 (Parable of the Prodigal Son)

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

Parable of the Unrighteous Steward

PARABLE VERSES

 In Your Bible

Luke 16:1-13

Luke 16:1-13 (Parable of the Unrighteous Steward)

He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

PARABLE VERSES

Luke 16:19-31 (Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus)

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

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Luke 16:19-31

Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

PARABLE VERSES

Matthew 25:31-46 (Parable of the Sheep and the Goats)

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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Matthew 25:31-46

Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee

PARABLE VERSES

Luke 18:9-14 (Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee)

Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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Luke 18:9-14

Parable of the Importunate Widow

PARABLE VERSES

Luke 18:1-8 (Parable of the Importunate Widow)

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'" Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

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Luke 18:1-8

Parable of the Rich Fool

PARABLE VERSES

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Luke 12:13-34

Luke 18:9-14 (Parable of the Rich Fool)

Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Parable of the Good Samaritan

PARABLE VERSES

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Luke 10:25-37

Luke 10:25-37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Parable of the Servants Waiting for Their Lord

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Luke 12:35-48 (Parable of the Servants Waiting for Their Lord)

“Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” Then Peter said to Him, “Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?” And the Lord said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

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Luke 12:35-48

Parable of the Great Supper

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Matthew 22:1-14

Luke 14:15-24

Matthew 22:1-14 (Parable of the Great Supper)

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' ' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Luke 14:15-24 (Parable of the Great Supper)

Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!" Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

Parable of the Two Debtors

PARABLE VERSES

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Luke 7:36-50

Luke 7:36-50 (Parable of the Two Debtors)

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Parable of the Tower-Builder and the King Who Would Go to War

PARABLE VERSES

Luke 14:25-35 (Parable of the Tower-Builder & the King Who Would Go To War)

Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it-- lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

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Luke 14:25-35

Parable of the Good Shepherd

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John, Chapter 10 (Parable of the Good Shepherd)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. Then Jesus

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John 10:1-42

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John, Chapter 10 (Parable of the Good Shepherd)

said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?" Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?" Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one." Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God." Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods" '? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him." Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand. And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." And many believed in Him there.

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