

Why Parables? What is a Parable?

Matthew 13:10-13; Matthew 13:34-35; Acts 1:6; Matthew 5:6-7;
Matthew 13:11; 1 Corinthians 2:8; Matthew 13:13-15;
Exodus 33:19; John 3:18; Isaiah 6:9; Psalm 78:2; Matthew 13:12;
Matthew 13:16-17; Mark 4:34; Psalm 25:14

1. A parable is a simple _____ that illustrates a profound _____.
2. Jesus spoke in parables to plant _____ into people's lives that would later grow and bear _____.
3. Parables were designed to _____ secrets to those whom Jesus wanted to hear and to _____ secrets from those He didn't want to know. (Matthew 13:11)
4. No one understood the Old Testament prophecies until they were _____. (1 Corinthians 2:8)
5. Jesus' death to save people was God's best kept _____.
6. Sovereign means that God has the right to do _____ He wants, _____ He wants, and _____ He wants.
7. The Sermon on the Mount is an entire parable about the _____ even though it doesn't mention the Holy Spirit.
8. In Matthew 13:34,35, Jesus draws attention to an Old Testament prophecy that _____ He would speak in parables.
9. _____ means that which is contradictory, yet true.
10. If our _____ are hard, we will miss the truths in the parables.
11. Very often a parable will have only one main, basic _____.
12. We must not build a major _____ on what may be a secondary _____.