

Sermon Notes for May 10, 2020
Text: Matthew 7:24-29
Sermon Title: Built to Last

Big Idea: What should we do with the Word of God? We should do what it says.

Overview of Parables

Definition: Parables are an extended metaphor or simile frequently becoming a brief narrative, generally used in biblical times for teaching purposes.

True Parables: These are stories, pure and simple, with a beginning and an ending. They have something of a plot (Examples: *Lost Sheep, The Prodigal Son, The Great Banquet, The Workers in the Vineyard.*)

Similitudes: These are illustrations taken from everyday life that Jesus used to make a point. The things written about the object are always true about the object. (Examples: *Yeast in the Dough, Sower, Mustard Seed.*)

Parabolic Sayings: These are very short, and they are metaphors and similes. (Example: “You are the salt of the earth.”)

Purpose of Parables: Mark 4:10-12. For Jesus to give His listeners an opportunity to understand His kingdom and respond in obedience.

Kingdom = Rule of God

Jesus will exercise this rule until He has subdued all that is hostile to God. When He has put all enemies under His feet, He will return the kingdom—His messianic authority—to the Father (1 Corinthians 15:24-27).

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Overview of the Sermon on the Mount

- Jesus rejects the Pharisees’ interpretation of the law (Matthew 5:17-48).
- Jesus rejects the Pharisees’ practices of the law (Matthew 6:1-7:6). Jesus exposes the hearts of the religious leaders when He reveals to them that their ways of righteousness were actually violating the demands of the law. Finally,
- Jesus instructs those who desire to enter the kingdom (Matthew 7:7-29).

Purpose of the Sermon on the Mount: “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:20).

Foundations: How

Rock vs Sand: Historical Context, Topography

- Rock = Strength, stability, safety, and permanence
- Sand = Unstable, dangerous, and shaky

Rock is used as a metaphor for God. He is powerful, unmovable, and has an unchanging nature. The rock is a place where people took refuge. Listen to what Psalm 18 says.

“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”
Psalm 18:2

Application: If the foundation is off, everything is off.

House illustrates living your life.

Do What the Bible Says: The step between the wise and the foolish is not very far.

The Bible is Amazing: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Inspiration: That work of God wherein He providentially prepared and moved the human authors, enabling them to receive and communicate according to their individual personalities and styles and situations the truth He would have His church know for His glory and human salvation. The authors knew they were writing to the words of God. Listen to what Paul writes.

“For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man’s gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ” (Galatians 1:11-12).

Inerrancy: Without error. The affirmation of inerrancy means “An advance commitment to receive as truth from God all that upon inspection the Bible is found actually to teach.” J. I. Packer

Infallible: There cannot be errors.

Sufficient: Everything necessary for God's glory and man's salvation, faith, and life is either expressly set down in Scripture or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture. All things which are necessary to be known and observed for salvation and conduct are revealed with sufficient clarity for all to understand.

Living: Scripture is powerfully able to accomplish God's purposes of salvation, sanctification, and purification in believers, and judgment of unbelievers.

Illumination: The Holy Spirit's work preparing us to receive the written Word such that we comprehend its authority and the spiritual significance of its meaning. (See John 14:25-26.)

Authoritative: What Scripture teaches and commands are God's teaching and commandments.

Tim Keller Quote

“People tend to examine the Bible, looking for things they can’t accept; but Christians should reverse that, allowing the Bible to examine us, looking for things that God can’t accept. Then the sweet things offered, the beauty of his love, will mean something to you.” Timothy Keller

The Final Judgement

Key Old Testament Verses

- Isaiah 2:12-17
- Isaiah 11:9
- Ezekiel 21:25-27

Key New Testament Verses

- Matthew 25:31-46
- Revelation 20:11-15
- Acts 17:30-31
- Luke 12:2-3

This doctrine affirms that when Christ, the merciful and righteous King of the earth, returns, all human beings will be held accountable for their lives, resulting in condemnation or eternal blessedness.

Application and Conclusion: