

Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Why Parables? (Summer 31)

Matthew 13:10–17, 34–36a	Mark 4:10–12, 33–34	Luke 8:9–10
<p>34 All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable.</p> <p>35 <i>This was</i> to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES; I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.” [Ps 78:2]</p> <p>36a Then He left the crowds and went into the house.</p> <p>10 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”</p> <p>11 Jesus answered them, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.</p> <p>12 For whoever has, to him <i>more</i> shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.</p> <p>13 Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.</p> <p>14 In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ‘YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;’</p> <p>15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES,</p>	<p>33 With many such parables He was speaking the word to them, so far as they were able to hear it;</p> <p>34 and He did not speak to them without a parable;</p> <p>but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.</p> <p>10 As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, <i>began</i> asking Him <i>about</i> the parables.</p> <p>11 And He was saying to them, “To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables,</p> <p>12 so that WHILE SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE, AND WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND,</p>	<p>9 His disciples <i>began</i> questioning Him as to what this parable meant.</p> <p>10 And He said, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest <i>it is</i> in parables,</p> <p>so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.</p>

<p>OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.' [Isa 6:9–10]</p> <p>16 But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.</p> <p>17 For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see <i>it</i>, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear <i>it</i>.</p>	<p>OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT</p> <p>RETURN AND BE FORGIVEN.”</p>	
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