

THE PARABLES—Part 2

Matthew 6 & Luke 11

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1. In order to really understand Jesus' parables, we must understand God's vision for His Kingdom.
2. God chose the metaphor of a kingdom to paint a picture of life under His perfect rule, a time when there will be a true and righteous King who rules with justice.
3. *Luke 11:1* The disciples' understanding of God was based on tradition. When Jesus prayed, He spoke in a way they were not used to hearing.
4. *Matt 6:9* In the Old Testament, there was a sense in which God was unapproachable. Then Jesus arrived and addressed God in an intimate and respectful way.
5. *Matt 6:9* Praying that God's name be regarded as holy is an act of worship (Psalm 111:9).
6. *Matt 6:10* When was the last time you allowed yourself the opportunity to anticipate what waits for you? The reality is far beyond what we can imagine (1 Corinthians 2:9).
7. *Matt 6:10* God's perfect rule and God's perfect will are the focus of the parables.
8. *Matt 6:10* Jesus was committed to seeing God's will accomplished (Matthew 26:39).
9. *Matt 6:10* Yielding to God's will is an act of submission. It acknowledges that we are trusting His way is best and committing to actively work to further the performance of God's will.
10. *Matt 6:10* God's will and purposes will be accomplished; but there is another aspect called His revealed will that He does not force on us. It is God's will (for example) that we speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15), that we do not commit adultery (1 Corinthians 6:16-20), and that we do not get drunk (Ephesians 5:18). In all these things we take an active role in participating in accomplishing the will of God.

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11. *Matt 6:10* We ask God to increase righteousness in our world and to bring more people to Himself.
12. *Matt 6:10* The angels carry out God's desire completely, joyfully, immediately.
13. *Matt 6:10* Seeking God's Kingdom is not just yearning for the coming of Christ in the future; it also expresses the desire of Christ's servants to see the Kingdom increasingly established throughout the world here and now.
14. *Matt 6:10* God's righteousness is the requirement for entrance into the Kingdom. The parables concentrated on deconstructing the idea that God's righteousness can be earned by good works. Jesus used parables to illustrate that righteousness comes from God alone (Ephesians 2:8-9)
15. As believers, we acknowledge God as our King, and we desire His sovereign rule over our lives here on earth.

GREEK WORDS

Parabolê—a placing beside, a comparison

Hagiazadō (hag-ee-ad'-zo)—to make holy, or consecrate; to venerate :- hallow

QUOTES

Requesting that God's Kingdom come "...irresistibly stretches the wings of our faith, and longing, and joyous expectation out to the final and glorious consummation of the Kingdom of God." ~Robert Jamieson, 1882

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