

Study Questions
Matthew 13 Parables – Part Eleven
‘Have You Understood All These Things?’
Sunday February 14th 2010

1). Mt 13:51 *Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 52 Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."*

- a). When does Jesus ask the disciples this question?
- b). What exactly is He asking them?
- c). What is their reply to His question?
- d). What response does the Lord make to their reply?
- e). What do you think the use of the word ‘householder’ implies?
- f). What do you think the Lord is telling them in His response to their reply?

2). Lu 24:25 *Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. 28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. 29 But they constrained Him, saying,*

"Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" 44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

- a). When are the events in this scripture taking place?
- b). Who is it that the Lord is speaking to here?
- c). How would we connect what is happening here in Luke with the Lord's response to His disciples in Matthew 13:52?
- d). How would we connect both of the above, Matthew 13:52 and Luke 24:25-32 + 44-45, to that which the Lord had said in - Mt 13:12 *"For whoever has [has what?], to him more will be given, and he will have abundance;"?*

3). Col 2:1 ¶ *For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

a). According to our scripture where all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden?

b). In the context of our scripture what are these treasures of wisdom and knowledge about?

c). How then would we access these treasures?

d). Do we have any scriptures that would help us with this?

e). Can you explain the process by which we receive these treasures?

f). Do we have any scripture that shows this?

4). Pr 4:7 *Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. 9 She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you."*

a). What does our scripture here tell us about wisdom?

b). Do we have any other scriptures that help us understand what it means to be wise?

c). What is the focus of these scriptures?

5). *Jas 2:20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.*

a). What does this scripture from James tell us that needs to be added to our faith?

b). Can you explain what is taught in this scripture?

c). Is what scripture calls ‘works’, that which we might call application, a separate thing from wisdom and knowledge? How would we know?

6). *Heb 10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.*

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

a). What does this scripture from Hebrews teach us?

b). In what way is this relevant to us?

7). And so to the final question in our study of the Matthew 13 parables – Have you understood all these things?