



A just weight
and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

Parable Of The Householder

(**Mt 13:51-52**)

Following His explanation of

"Parable Of The Dragnet"

(**Mt 13:47-50**),

we find Jesus asking
His disciples a question.

- **Matthew 13:51**

**Jesus saith unto them,
Have you understood
all these things?**

**They say unto him,
Yes, Lord.**

- **Matthew 13:52**

Then said he unto them,

- **Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven**
- **is like unto a man that is an householder,**
 - **which brings forth out of his treasure things new and old.**

- "Have you understood all these things?" (V.51)

- This question likely relates not just to the preceding parable, but to all of those recorded in this chapter:

Parable Of The Sower

Parable Of The Wheat And Tares

Parable Of The Mustard Seed

Parable Of The Leaven

Parable Of The Hidden Treasure

Parable Of The Pearl Of Great Price

Parable Of The Dragnet

All of which reveal truths related to

"the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven"

- Matthew 13:11

The Bible is not a precious book
to those who do not understand it,
but the entrance of God's Word
into the understanding gives light.

Psalms 119:105

Thy word *is* a lamp unto my
feet, and a light unto my path.

There is no merit in **ignorance**.

It is possible to be highly cultivated
in the eyes of the world
and a novice in the kingdom.

As the **lawyer** must study law and
the **doctor** medicine,
so the **Christian scribe**
must study God's word.

It is strange that any
should think themselves
fit to teach others
the greatest of truths
without first devoting
especial attention
to learning them.

When His disciples answer in the **affirmative**, Jesus tells yet another parable...

This one is called
**"The Parable Of The
Householder"**

- **Matthew 13:52**

- This parable, however, is describing not so much the kingdom of heaven itself,
 - but those (especially "scribes") who have been instructed concerning the kingdom.

JESUS IS MAKING A POINT ABOUT A
"SCRIBE" ...

**"Therefore every scribe instructed
about the kingdom of heaven..."**

"Holman Bible Dictionary",
a scribe was a person trained
in writing skills and used to record
events and decisions
(**Jer. 36:26; 1 Chron. 24:6; Esth. 3:12**).

During the Exile in Babylon

educated scribes became the experts in God's written word, copying, preserving, and teaching it.

Ezra was a scribe in this sense of expert in teaching God's word (**Ezra 7:6**).

Ezra 7:6

**This Ezra went up from
Babylon; and he *was* a
ready scribe in the law of
Moses, which the LORD
God of Israel had given:**

Ezra 7:10

**For Ezra had
prepared his heart
to seek the law of the
LORD, and to do *it*,
and to teach in Israel
statutes and judgments.**

A professional group of such scribes developed by New Testament times, most being Pharisees (**Mark 2:16**).

They interpreted the law, taught it to disciples, and were experts in cases where people were accused of breaking the law of Moses.

Sadly,

They led in plans to kill Jesus
(**Luke 19:47**)

Scribes were more than simply copyists, but students and instructors as well

It would be assumed, therefore, that a scribe would **be expected to understand the finer points of the Law of Moses**

Every scribe instructed
concerning the
kingdom of heaven... (13:52)

Jesus' point is not about
a normal scribe, who would
understand only the Law

But a scribe who would be instructed
about the

“kingdom of heaven:
(via the parables)

A SCRIBE

"IS LIKE A HOUSEHOLDER..."

A householder with "treasure",
something of great value

Treasure that is both "new" and "old"

The "old" treasure would be his
understanding of the Law

The "new" treasure would be
his understanding of the
kingdom of heaven

The parable and its
"explanation" appear
simple enough to understand.

But there are also
"implications" from the
parable that are worthy of
careful consideration.

Implications
from the parable

Every disciple
is like a scribe...

This implication is a fair one to
make because the parable was told

in response
to a question
asked of His disciples

Because His disciples...

(1) ...had been told that only by understanding the Word can one bear good fruit - Mt 13:23

(2) ...had been asked whether they "understood all these things?"
- Mt 13:51

Understanding God's Word

was a fundamental
aspect of being a scribe,

so it is to being a
disciple!

Elsewhere Jesus makes it clear
that

His disciples must be like
scribes.

The very word "disciple"
means a "learner",
which requires one
to be like a scribe.

In the Great Commission...

Jesus told His apostles to
"make disciples" (learners)

Mt 28:19

His disciples would then be

"taught" all that Christ
commanded - **Mt 28:20**

Every disciple is like a householder
with treasure.

That treasure is the Word of God,

"More to be desired than gold, yea, than
much fine gold" Ps 19:7-11

Better than silver, fine gold,
and rubies; and "

all the things you may desire cannot
compare with her."

- Pr 3:13-18

We would not allow a
man ignorant of
medicine to doctor
our bodies,
nor entrust a case of
legal issues to a man
ignorant of law.

But many count it a little thing to trust their immortal spirits and eternal interests to preachers who cannot call off the names of the books of the Bible, who perhaps never read all of the Bible.

Then I say unto you that every scribe instructed in the principles of the kingdom of heaven, is like a householder who bringeth forth out of his treasures things new and old. (13:52)

A householder who has stored away years of study.

THE TEACHER MUST BRING FORTH NEW TREASURES.

Not the inventor of notions of his own and give them forth as Divine revelations.

The treasury to which he is to go for his materials is the sacred Scriptures.

How, then, can he find anything new?

1. By new insight.

There is always a freshness in what we perceive ourselves, even if others have perceived it before us.

To us, at least, it is new; and our own living apprehension of it gives it a new vitality for others.

2. With fresh applications.

The Christian teacher
has to apply truths
of the Bible to

present circumstances.

3. Because of the inexhaustible fulness of the word of God. There is always fresh light for desiring eyes.

The value of that treasure
is enhanced with the
full and final
revelation of God's Will
through His Son
Jesus Christ -
Colossians 2:2-3

Colossians 2:2

that they may know the
mystery of God,
even Christ,

2:3 in whom are all the
treasures of wisdom and
knowledge hidden.

Every disciple has both
old and new treasure.

Not just the new treasure,
but the old as well.

It was written for our learning,
to provide patience, comfort and
hope - Romans 15:4

It was written for our admonition
- 1Cor 10:11

Romans 15:4

**For whatsoever things were
written aforetime were
written for our learning, that
through patience and
through comfort of the
scriptures we might have
hope.**

We dare not throw away old treasure,

just because we have been blessed
to receive new?

That which is "**old**" can help us appreciate
more fully that which is "**new**"!

It can help make us "**wise for salvation
through faith which is in Christ**"

2Ti 3:14-15

As "**scripture**" inspired of God,
it is still profitable

2Ti 3:16-17

2Timothy 3:16

Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness.

3:17 That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

Keeping in mind that we
must

"rightly divide"

the word of truth - **2Ti 2:15**

By observing the distinction
between the Old and New
Covenants **Heb 8:6-13**

Keep in mind that it is the
fuller revelation provided
by the New that helps to
explain the "mystery"
of the Old
(**Luke 24:25-27,44-47**)

It was not until
Jesus fulfilled
and then explained
Old Testament prophecies
that His disciples
were able
to understand.

The main point to stress is
that as disciples of Jesus
we have been richly blessed!

Jesus said it was because we
have been blessed **to see** and
hear things others did not
- **Mt 13:16-17**

When **we understand** the parables and His other teachings concerning the kingdom of heaven, as well as the Old Testament, **then we have treasure added upon treasure!**

We must be like Ezra of old
to enjoy these treasures...

- Ezra 7:10

Preparing our hearts
to seek the Word,
to do it,
then to teach it

Do we appreciate the great treasure

we have available to us?

It alone points us...

To Him who is the center and
theme of its revelation,

Jesus Christ?

And to His kingdom

that is everlasting?

God's truth is
always new
and
always old.

It is as fresh as the
morning breeze for each
coming generation

Or are we like so many, who **forsake** this great treasure for that which is **temporary**, and does not really satisfy?

Don't allow the
distractions of this world
to cause the
"treasures"
to
slip through your fingers!

- **Matthew 13:52**

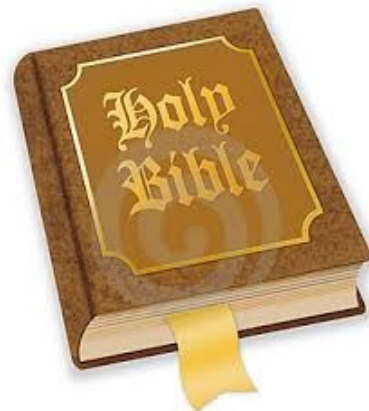
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**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17



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