



Intro

In the 4 Gospels, a lot of times Jesus was considered as a rabbi (*teacher*) and He loved to use illustrations/parables being a very rabbinic thing to do.

Many think that parables are Jesus holy ground (*specific to Jesus or only used by Jesus*) but this is not the truth because rabbis used lot of illustrations/parables to make a point, which lead to spiritual matters in the Tenach (*Old Covenant*).

Too many believers have misconceptions about parables.

The meaning of the Word!

One minister, who wanted to correct me about parables, told me that parables belong to our Lord but paracletes belong to us, not knowing the word "*paraclete*" has nothing to do with the word "*parable*". "*Paraclete*" means - legal assistance or intercessor and this word is used for the Holy Spirit who is our legal assistant.

The word "*parable*" means...

Parable in the Greek is "*parabolē*" :

- . *To compare*
- . *To illustrate as a comparison*
- . *Illustrating something similar to...*

. Proverb

Parable in the Hebrew is “*mashal*” :

. Proverb

. Parable

. Byword

. Similitude

. Poem

. Like... (to compare)

Conclusion!

Jesus was using parables because He leveled Himself to the mind/soul of mankind. He used parables for people who were not his disciples for the purpose of leading them to spiritual matters (*to teach*) from scripture and to make them His disciples through lots of teachings.

Now get this right in your mind that the purpose of parables is to stimulate or provoke curiosity for a better comprehension of spiritual matters, being of course in scripture alone. This means that we, the disciples of Christ have to be smart (*knowing lots of stuff - biblical & secular*) and be wise like Jesus, using parables to help non-believers connecting with the Bible and not the other way around like so many believers are doing, trying to connect unbelievers with scripture which they misinterpret, misuse and do not know about.

Parable

Greek: *parabolē*

Hebrew: *mashal*

Meaning in the Strong:

. To compare

. To illustrate

. Proverb

. Similitude

Parable is not similar to paraclete,
which means: *legal assistance*

“And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

He answered and said to them,

*“Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,
but to them it has not been given.*

*For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance;
but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.*

*Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see,
and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.*

And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,

And seeing you will see and not perceive;

For the hearts of this people have grown dull.

Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed,

Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears,

Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,

So that I should heal them.’

*But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;
for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets*

*and righteous men desired to see what you see,
and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”*

Matthew 13:10-17

**Jesus was a master illustrator
and so are we to become
if we want to be more Christ like
and reach the lost!**

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*To bear
much fruit
John 15*