



# ALLEGORY

a symbolic fictional narrative that conveys a meaning not explicitly set forth in the narrative.....  
fables and parables\*



- Biblical parables are not comprised of the same substance as standard literary fables and parables
- Biblical ILLUSTRATIONS are a form of Jewish allegory
- Biblical PARABLES follow a unique Jewish formula



The budding  
Fig tree

**ILLUSTRATION**



The Kingdom of  
Heaven is like.....

**PARABLE**

- Parable begins with a word formula that says a comparison is going to be made
- Parable will bring the listener to one point (one moral)
- Illustration is a series of metaphors and symbolisms
- Even so, there were deeper meanings under the surface of His parables

# 4 LEVELS OF BIBLE INTERPRETATION



P'SHAT  
*Literal*



REMEZ  
*Hint*



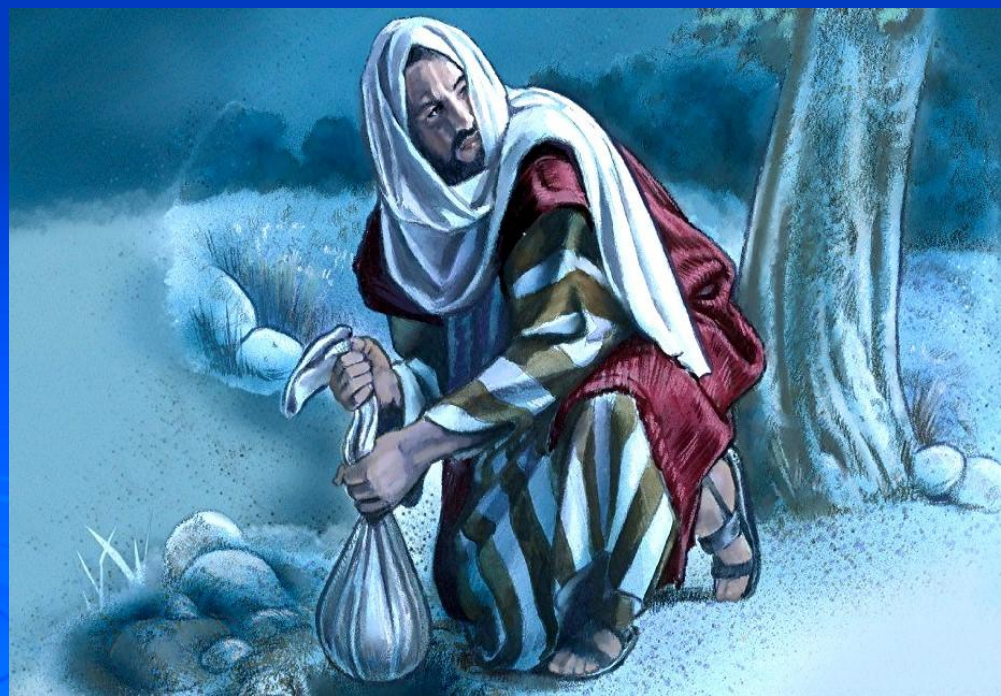
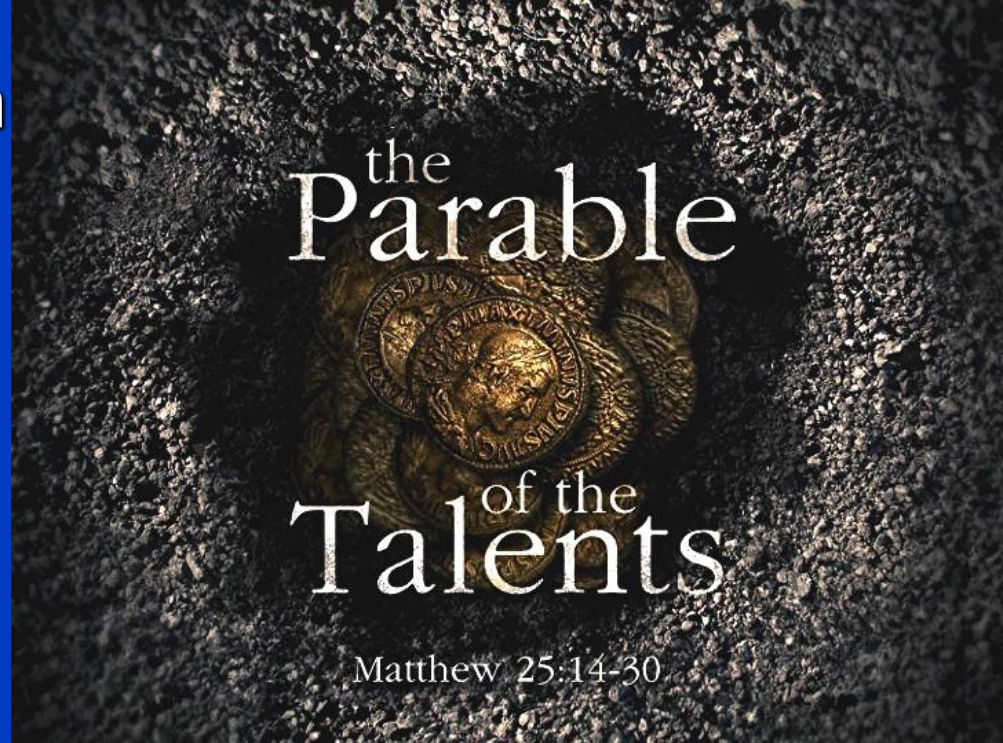
DRASH  
*Sermon*



SOD  
*Secret*

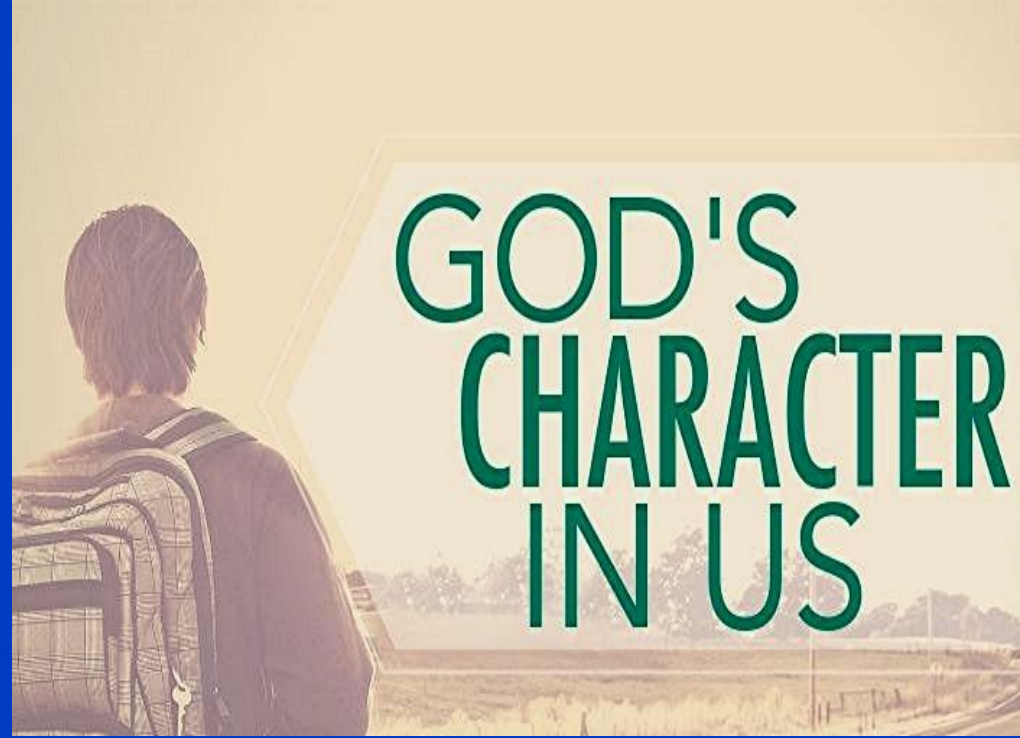
- A reasonable method for Bible study that reveals from the simplest to the most mysterious
- Yeshua used parables to make the mysteries of God and the Kingdom of Heaven more humanly understandable
- Still, the simpler literal sense applies to our daily lives

- “It” = Kingdom of Heaven
- 3<sup>rd</sup> servant criticized as being “wicked and lazy”
- The servant says he did what he did out of fear
- **P’shat:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> servant misunderstood the character of his master
- **Remez:** We must properly understand God’s character
- Proverbs 18:9, 20:4, and 26:13

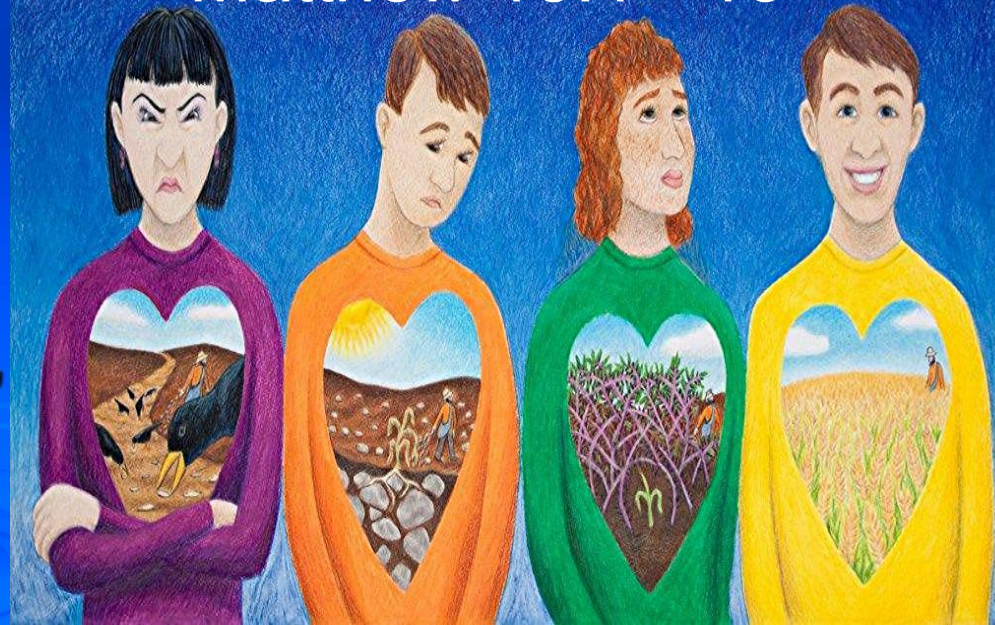


## ➤ God's character:

- A bold doer
- Tireless worker
- Looks ahead
- Sees the bigger picture
- God goes forth resolutely
- “Fear not”  
Fear is a construction of our minds
- Fears cause us to retreat, become passive, to hoard, to not venture forward



Matthew 13:1 - 13





- The servants' responsibility was to invest what was entrusted to them; but it was not their money
- God is Creator, so He owns everything
- Investment always involves risk at some level
- We are obligated to make what God gives to us to grow so we can have more resources to help others
- Wealth is NOT proof of having more faith in God

# Sharing the **J**oy of Salvation

*Our Urgent Challenge*



- Our salvation belongs to the Lord
- If you are saved, you have been given gifts and talent to use
- Vs. 31 begins Christ's final block of teaching
- Yeshua speaks about Judgment Day
- No other Gospel records these words
- Daniel 7:13 – 14
- Yeshua is handed power and authority by the Father

# JOY TEMPERED WITH IMMENSE SADNESS

- Yeshua will judge from His throne on Earth
- The returning Jesus will bring condemnation and wrath
- Most of us will have some dear family members condemned to the Lake the Fire
- In the long term His return is wonderful; in the short term...
- The Day of Judgment is not only for Israel, but for all of humanity





# WRATH of GOD

- Isaiah 66:13 – 20
- Judgment Day will not be quiet; countless unrighteous will be slain
- God will be comforting the residents of Jerusalem
- Those who outwardly consecrate & purify, but then follow the sinful and impure, will not receive mercy
- The place of Judging will be in Jerusalem



# THE FINAL SEPARATION



- *Ethnos* more means people groups than nations with boundaries
- No one will be excluded
- Entire nations will not be judged to Heaven or Hell based on nationality
- Goats are as clean and suitable for sacrifice as sheep
- Goats and sheep have equal worth and value
- They are, however, recognizably different



- Resurrection of the dead occurs before, or at, the Day of Judgment
- God does not pour out His wrath on the good and the wicked; the saved will not be present when He does
- God foreknew the need for Redemption at the time He created the Universe