

Using Parables and Anticipating Results

Matthew 13:51-58

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The last parable in this chapter is not concerned with the _____ of the Kingdom in this age, but the _____ of His disciples during the period. The parable itself is very brief, and yet full of _____ suggestiveness. It followed a question and an answer.

A. The Preliminary Requirement

1. Understanding “_____” these things
 - a. Not just _____ of them
 - b. The other parables are mutually _____.
 - c. They are _____.
2. There is no use going _____, unless there is understanding.
 - a. The disciples had to grapple with the _____.
 - b. To understand is to _____ together, to comprehend.
 - c. Then they were ready for the “_____”.

B. The Perpetual Responsibility

1. Three _____ among the Israelites
 - a. _____ (spiritual rulers)
 - b. _____ (civil rulers)
 - c. _____ (moral rulers)
2. Jesus likened a _____ in the kingdom to a scribe.
 - a. Scribe – originally:
 - (1). In the Old Testament, “one who took a _____”, “muster” (gather together)
 - (2). In the New Testament, “skilled in the _____ of writing”, a secretary
 - b. A _____ needed by government officials (particularly of)
 - (1). Cabinet _____ such as secretary, treasurer, clerk) as they composed and maintained legal documents.
 - (2). A scribe could take dictation, copy, study, interpret, and _____ Scripture (Jer. 8:8-9).

3. The art of writing was closely connected to the _____.
4. The importance of the law of Moses stimulated its _____ and transmission in Israel.
5. Ezra’s time period (Ezra 7:6, 11)
 - a. They _____ and transmitted the Scripture. (They invented a number of counting devices to guarantee the _____ preservation of the authentic Hebrew text.)
 - b. They studied and taught the law. (gave the “_____”)
 - c. They _____ the law.
 - d. They acted as _____ of the law.
 - e. They had an extreme concern to uphold the _____ law – the many unwritten legal decisions that touched on every phase of _____ life. They became the moral interpreters.
6. Jesus did not contest their authority but spoke against their _____ (Matt. 23:2-3, 7)

C. The Primary Results

1. Jesus _____ the responsibilities of the scribes to the disciples.
 - a. The householder was like a shepherd, father, and _____.
 - b. The disciples were to be _____ interpreters of the law.
 - c. They were to bring forth treasure, both new _____ old.
2. Disciples should anticipate conflict like Jesus did.
 - a. _____ by His own
 - b. Rejected by people not understanding the _____
 - c. Renewed by the _____ of the Word (2 Tim.2:15)
 - d. Realize _____ victory