

Parables of Luke (NCC Equip Class January-March 2017)

Session #1: January 8, 2017

Introduction to Parables and "The Parable of the Creditor and The Two Debtors"

Luke 7:40-43; (Luke 7:36-50)

Introduction to The Parables of Luke:

I. The Author of Luke: _____

#1 – Luke was a _____ (Col. 4:14)

#2 – Luke was a Traveling Companion of _____ (Acts)

#3 – Luke was Not an _____ and There is No Indication He Ever Met _____

Where did Luke get his source material for his gospel account?

#4 – Luke is Likely a _____ (Cf. Col. 4:10-14)

II. The Recipient of Luke: _____ (Luke 4:1-4)

Theophilus received what two books from Luke?

III. Themes of Luke

#1 – The _____ of Christ

#2 – The _____ of Christ

#3 – The _____ and the _____

➤ Examples:

#4 – Christ's Derision for the _____

IV. Why Parables?

A) What Are Parables?

"balloe" = _____

"para" = _____

"parable" means: " _____ "

A Parable - is a story or example from an average, everyday event or thing that has a deeper spiritual meaning “cast alongside it.”

B) Why Did Jesus Use Parables?

Did Jesus speak in parables because they were easy to comprehend and everyone could relate to them, understand them, and apply them?

What negative event(s) happened at the mid-point of Jesus’ earthly ministry provoking a change in His teaching/preaching ministry? (See: Matthew 12-13)

The Unpardonable Sin – Is witnessing a miracle performed by Christ and attributing the power for that miracle to have come from the Devil rather than the Holy Spirit.

Explain what happened in Matthew 12:

3 Changes to Jesus’ Ministry:

#1 – Jesus turned His face toward Jerusalem and the Cross

#2 – Jesus stopped openly offering the Kingdom directly

#3 – Jesus began to speak in parables often

Why did Jesus start speaking in parables? (Matt. 13:1-35)

Who got a private explanation of His parables? (Mark 4:33-34)

The 2 Big Reasons Christ Spoke in Parables:

#1 – Christ Spoke in Parables to Conceal Truth from _____
and Unbelieving Israel and Reveal Truth to His _____ (Mt. 13)

#2 – Christ Spoke in Parables to Thin Down the _____ of People
Following Him (Luke 8)

How did Jesus continue to teach and instruct His followers with all manner of people gathered around selfishly clamoring for His attention or watching/listening critically?

The Two-Fold Intent of Parables:

#1 – Parables were told to _____ Believers

#2 – Parables were told to _____ the Blind

V. Interpreting Parables

#1 – Context is _____

➤ Explain:

#2 – The Main Point is the _____

➤ Explain:

#3 – Remember a Parable is an _____ – So Do Not Press Every Detail

➤ Explain:

#4 – Parables use Illustrations from Everyday Life – Some Parables, However, Might Record True Accounts

➤ Explain:

VI. The Parables of Luke

#1 – Some Overlap with Matthew and Mark

#2 – Many of Luke’s Parables are Only Recorded by Luke

#3 – List of Parables in Luke (Next Page)

List of Parables in Luke

1) Unshrunk (New) Cloth on an Old Garment	5:36
2) New Wine in Old Wine Skins	5:37-38
3) A Wise Man Builds on the Rock	6:47-49
4) The Creditor and the Two Debtors	7:41-43
5) The Sower	8:4-15
6) The Lamp Under a Basket	8:16-17; 11:33-36
7) The Good Samaritan	10:30-37
8) A Friend in Need	11:5-13
9) The Rich Fool	12:16-21
10) The Watchful Servant	12:35-40
11) The Faithful and the Evil Servant	12:42-48
12) The Barren Fig Tree	13:6-9
13) The Mustard Seed	13:18-19
14) The Leaven	13:20-21
15) The Great Supper	14:16-24
16) Building a Tower and a King Making War	14:25-35
17) The Lost Sheep	15:3-7
18) The Lost Coin	15:8-10
19) The Lost Son	15:11-32
20) The Unjust Steward	16:1-13
21) The Rich Man and Lazarus	16:19-31
22) Unprofitable Servants	17:7-10
23) The Persistent Widow	18:1-8
24) The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	18:9-14
25) The Minas	19:11-27
26) The Wicked Vinedressers	20:9-19
27) The Fig Tree	21:29-33

“The Parable of the Creditor and the Two Debtors”
Luke 7:41-43 (Luke 7:36-50)

Introduction:

Key Themes of Luke in this Parable:

- 1) God is Opposed to the Proud – But Gives Grace to the Humble
- 2) God Shows Mercy to the Broken and the Down and Out

Is the woman of Luke 7 – Mary Magdalene? _____ How do you know?

What is Known Concerning the Woman of Luke 7:

#1 – She has a public reputation for being a “sinner”

#2 – She is broken over her sin and has been (or will be during her encounter) saved by Christ via her repentance and faith

Who represents “the proud” in Luke 7?

How are Simon and this woman alike?

How are they different?

Context: (36-39)

I. Those Forgiven Much – Love Much (40-43)

- A) The Parable (40-42)
- B) The Point (43)

II. Those Forgiven Little – Love Little (44-47)

➤ **Or: Those Forgiven None – Love None**

- A) The Comparison (44-46)
- B) The Conclusion (47-48)
 - (1) Forgiveness for the Sinner (47a)
 - (2) No Forgiveness for Simon (47b)

III. Those with Faith – Find Forgiveness (49-50)

- A) The Faithless (49)
- B) The Forgiven (50)