

LESSION 2

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Theme: REASON FOR PARABLES

Memory Verse: *Matthew 20:1* “For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard”.

Texts: Mathew 13:3-8; Luke 15:1-7; Mark 12:1-12

Jesus, in using parables, spoke of everlasting consequence. Parable is a way of teaching stories that help explain spiritual truths. The Lord used it very often. By it, He condescended to the level of the people’s understanding. He desires that people hear and understand His teachings so, He spoke in figures common to all.

The gospel according to St. Mathew is full of such parables. Among them are the parables of the sower, the lost sheep, and the lost coin, to mention but a few. As the greatest teacher, He took the people from known to the unknown. He drew a lot of lessons and similitude to their background. The people of ancient near east where He had His earthly ministry were mostly farmers, shepherds and fishermen. So He drew His illustrations from these occupations.

Preachers who go about sowing the seed of God’s Word have a lot to learn from the Master in this regard. The message should be simple, clearly delivered, drawing imageries from the hearer’s background so as to get the expected response from them. “For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” (1 Corinthians 14:8).

DAILY BIBLE READING

	MORNING	EVENING
MON.	Gen. 9	Mt. 9
TUS.	Gen. 10	Mt. 10
WED.	Gen. 11	Mt. 11
THUR.	Gen. 12	Mt. 12
FRI.	Gen. 13	Mt. 13
SAT.	Gen. 14	Mt. 14
SUN.	Gen. 15	Mt. 15