

Kingdom Parables and Prayer

The New Testament * Week 8 * Opening Collect: Proper 22, BCP 234

If you have questions from past weeks or your reading, email them to

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- I. Parables of the Kingdom of God/Heaven
 - A. A merchant looking for Pearls (Matthew 13:45) =
 - B. A fishing net (Matthew 13:47-50) =
 - C. King calling servants to pay debts (Matthew 18:23-35) =
 - D. Landowner hiring servants to work (Matthew 20:1-16) =
 - E. A man giving a wedding banquet (Matthew 22:2-14; Luke 14:16-24) =
 - F. Virgins/Bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1-13) =
 - G. Man giving servants treasure to use (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:12-27) =

- II. God has made us citizens of the Kingdom and expects us to live as such.

- III. Jesus on Prayer
 - A. Jesus Prayed early and often, in private and public
 - B. Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:5-8, 14-15)
 1. Vs 5-6 --
 2. Vs 7-8 --
 3. Vs 14-15 --
 - C. Lord's Prayer –
 1. History:
 - a) English speaking Protestants use Matthew 6:9-13
 - b) Roman Catholics use Luke 11:1-4.
 2. “Debts” vs. “trespasses.” Coverdale's *Great Bible* vs. KJV

- D. Importunity
 - 1. Parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8)
 - 2. Luke 11:5-10: Parable of neighbor asking for bread
- E. Getting what we ask for – Luke 11:11-13: "Which of you fathers..."
- F. Forgiveness
 - 1. Matthew 6:14-15 – Sermon on Mount
 - 2. Matthew 18:21-35 – Parable of unmerciful servant
 - 3. Mark 11:24-26 – "If you're praying and hold anything against anyone..."
- G. Ethics of prayer – Matthew 7:7-12 – "Do unto others..."
- H. Fasting – Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29 –
- I. Humility – Luke 18:9-14 – Parable of Pharisee and Tax Collector
- J. Glory to Father, and obedience to Jesus – John 14:13-15: "I will do anything..."
- A. Abide in Jesus and his word abide in us – John 15:7: "If you remain in me..."

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Preparation for next week: Read John 13-21