

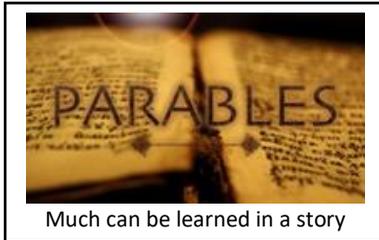


## Parables: Earthly Stories Heavenly Truths

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The disciples of Jesus had no idea about the nature of the kingdom Jesus had come to establish. The Old Testament was filled with promises of the coming King and His kingdom, but no one on this earth understood what it would be like ([1 Cor. 2:8-9](#)). Jesus used parables to help those disciples see what was about to happen.

In Matthew chapter thirteen, there are eight parables He gave to them. The first describes the coming kingdom being like a man sowing seed. They could not comprehend the meaning and asked Him to explain. The second parable is about a man who sowed seeds into his field and the enemy who came at night and sowed tares (weeds) in that field. They did not comprehend this parable, so He also had to explain to them its meaning.



The failure to understand these beginning parables blocks the ability to find the truths of God. Mark's account adds one thought not found in either Matthew or Luke's account. "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?" ([Mark 4:13](#)). One cannot comprehend the nature of the kingdom of heaven until he grasps what Jesus was saying. Those who view the coming of the kingdom as being in the future with Jesus establishing His kingdom and reigning on the earth for a thousand years have not begun to understand these earthly stories with a heavenly meaning which Jesus taught.

Jesus only explains the first two parables, and they become the basis of seeing the meaning of all the parables. You may think you do not know much about the Bible, but do you understand these parables? You likely know more than you think. These stories open the door to deeper truths.

Do you know what the seed was which was sowed in four different types of soil? Do you know what each of those kinds of soils describe? Do you know the identity of the man who sowed the seed in the story of the tares? Do you know who the enemy was who secretly sowed weeds in the field where the good seed was sown?

The disciples had no idea what Jesus was saying, but because He explained the meaning of these parables you can know the answers to each of the questions asked in the previous paragraph. If you do not know, I urge you to simply sit down and read the accounts in Matthew

13 and Luke 8. If you already know the answers, I urge you to slowly read the verses again and pay attention to every word Jesus used. You may not know them as well as you think you do.

One cannot read until he learns the alphabet, and one cannot understand the kingdom until he learns the parables!



**\*\*\* Waylon Dean Harrison \*\*\***

New baby boy born to

Nia & Blake Harrison

7 lbs. 8 oz.

Congratulations to Terry & Gina Bartlow  
on their new grandson

He was born five weeks early and is having  
some problems, so please keep him in your  
prayers

## COVID 19 – Accommodations

**Church Services – Resume Services as listed on  
January 24.**

**Sundays – 10:00AM Bible Study  
- 11:00 AM Worship  
Wednesdays – 7:00 PM Bible Study**

**\*\*\* Bible Study Classes \*\*\***

At this time **ALL** classes (including children) will be held in the auditorium in order to facilitate the social distancing expectations of our government officials.

As we continue to work through these times, please be sure you are following the government guidelines. You must wear a mask while entering and moving around the building. We will also be asking people to ensure distancing from others, which means we will need to spread out around the auditorium (by families). We will continue to handle our communion and offering as we have throughout these trying times – no passing trays and cups placed in plastic bags after use to be gathered and disposed of afterwards.

*Our first desire and priority is to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep everyone **safe and healthy**.*

*Again, we are so happy that we are able to join together again in our assembly of worship as God desires – Hebrews 10:25.*

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**\*\*\* Colorado Executive Order \*\*\***

*(Updated March 11, 2021)*

*The governor's executive order requires that masks be worn in all indoor public places. As an executive order, this is required by law.*

*We are required to wear our masks while entering or moving around inside of the building. Once seated and socially distanced, the mask can be removed if you desire.*

*This applies to anyone 11 years of age or older.*

*There are exceptions for people that have a medical condition that will not allow them to tolerate a mask.*

*Those officiating the services will not be required to wear a mask while leading their portion of the service.*

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/worship-guidance>

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/mask-guidance>