

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for January 26, 1986

Parables of the Kingdom
Part 2
Matthew 13:1-58
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Introduction:

1. Rejection led to postponement of kingdom:
2. Rejection led to change in mediator:
3. Rejection led to need of instruction:

A. The method of instruction:

This method sheds light on how God responds to rejection. Greater darkness gives lesser opportunity to respond to the Light.

In parables is how Jesus began teaching. This is after heightened rejection by Pharisees and Israel.

A parable is a story that drives home a specific point using something familiar with everyday surroundings.

B. Purpose of method:

To reveal and to conceal truth.

Verses 11-17, The same parables achieve different ends, they reveal and conceal.

Verse 34, He did not speak to them without using a parable. He did not explain the parables to the multitudes but He did explain them to the disciples.

Verse 11, Explanations to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

C. Necessity of method:

Verse 11, But to them it has not been granted to know.

Verse 12, For whoever “has,” has what, the clear teaching of Jesus.

Verse 12, what they had has now been taken, what Israel understood has now been turned to confusion.

Necessity: Jesus had to, the prophecies called for it (**Verses 14** and **34-35**).