

The General Theme of the Parables

The General Theme is “THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN”

☞ **Suggested in Matthew 13:10-11** - “And the disciples came and said to Him, ‘Why do You speak to them in parables?’”

11 He answered and said to them, ‘Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.’”

☞ Illustrated in Parables beginning with “The Kingdom of Heaven is like . . .”

☞ **THREE ‘SUB-THEMES’ ARE STRESSED IN THE PARABLES**

☞ **The Character of the KINGDOM**

- The Parable of the Mustard Seed
- The Parable of the Leaven
- The parable of the Hidden Treasure
- The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

The Character of the KING

- The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
- The Parable of the Lost Son

The Character of the KING’S SUBJECTS

- The Parable of the Good Samaritan
- The Parable of the Persistent Widow

