

Review Thoughts

2 PETER 1:12-13

“For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you”,

- A parable is an extended metaphor to express a moral or spiritual truth. “To place beside.” An earthly story with a heavenly meaning.
 - It can be a proverb, riddle, complex story, or extended comparison.
 - The purpose for using them was to get people to think.
- No one parable can completely describe God's kingdom in all its aspects, so Jesus gave several.
- There are some 39 parables and 37 miracles recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John.
- Jesus’ use of parables in teaching had both a beginning place and an ending place:
 - Began in Matthew 13. Remember what had happened in **MATTHEW 12:24** – “But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, “No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons.”
 - **JOHN 16:25** – “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.”
 - **JOHN 16:30** – “His disciples said to Him, ‘See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!’”
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