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## **Episode 15 - Unlocking the Spiritual Truths of Christ Through Parables**

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In this episode, we delve into the profound concept of spiritual truth as taught by Jesus Christ. Discover how interpreting Jesus's words beyond their literal meaning can unlock a deeper understanding of biblical scriptures. As we explore key teachings, including the frequent use of parables and the symbolic meanings behind biblical events, you'll gain insights into how these spiritual truths can transform your perception of the Bible.

Join us as we examine Jesus's responses to the Pharisees and Sadducees, his references to creation week, and the significance of signs and seasons. Learn why God's understanding, as expressed through symbols, brings forth multitudes of truth that enhance your spiritual life and comprehension of the Bible.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi. I am ready to bring you another videocast concerning understanding the Christ. There is a major concept about Jesus that, once you understand this, it changes a lot of things you're reading in the Bible. This has to do with spiritual truth. What are we talking about when we say spiritual truth?

I know at one time, I thought I was spiritual because I went to church or I read the Bible. But then I discovered that "mind" and "spirit" are synonymous throughout the Bible. Now, when I talk about spiritual things, I'm talking about things that pertain to the mind. Another way of saying it is you see symbols. You see "similitudes."

What I want to share today deals with Christ and how he taught, not just how he taught, but how he spoke to people. There is a verse in Matthew 13 that says Jesus only taught in parables, that when people would approach him, he would speak to them in parables (Mat 13:34). Now if you'll remember he made the statement, "*Destroy this temple, and in three days, I'll raise it up. This spake he of the temple of his body*" (Jhn 2:19-21). Jesus never explained that to them.

Even at his trial, men were accusing him of saying he was going to destroy the temple. They took him literally. We can go all through the Bible looking at spiritual things that Jesus taught. However, there's one in particular I want to key on because for me, it brings out Jesus's attitude towards spiritual truth versus literal, and the way he looked at people who stayed on that literal level of understanding. They never got the spiritual meaning.

Why in the world would God make things spiritual, of the mind? Because we cannot literally see in the mind. But he can give us symbols that we can look at as he expresses what is going on in the heart... what's going on between your ears. For instance, at the cross, a crown of thorns. Crown of thorns is guilt. How are you going to express guilt without a symbol? Stripes on the back, unable to forgive people. How do you express that? Not knowing God. Well, God is light. You don't know God; you're in darkness. See, these are just symbols that express what's going on between our ears.

So I want to read to you from Matthew chapter 16, where the Pharisees approach Jesus, and they ask him to give them a sign. Now we're going to get into some deep things, some very deep things. It's going to be something that maybe you have never heard of some of this. But I ask you to receive the kingdom of God as a child.

I'm going to show you in the Bible. Whether you want to believe it or not, that's up to you. But if you can see what I'm saying, your spiritual life will only increase. Your

understanding of the Bible will only increase by multitudes of truth. A multitude of truths will come to you when you begin to read the scripture the way Jesus is applying it himself.

Let's turn to Matthew 16. Reading from verse 1.

Mat 16:1 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven.

Mat 16:2 And he answered and said unto them, When it's evening, you say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.

Mat 16:3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and lowering. O you hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

Now, how does that have anything to do with spiritual truth? The first thing I want you to see, if you'll look up these verses in your Strong's Concordance, you're going to discover that when they said "give us a sign from heaven," that word for "heaven," [3772] in the Strong's Greek, is the same word "sky" that Jesus used. (Heaven and sky are the same word.) So Christ is speaking of the heavens.

Now it's interesting. "You can discern the sky," and I'll just use that word because he is speaking outward, literal. *"You're able to see the sky and determine the weather, but you are not discerning the heavens."* What in the world is he speaking of? Because saying "the heavens" is a way of saying "God's understanding."

In our minds, there is a heaven, an earth, and a sea. The heavens declare God's understanding. The earth is self. Remember, the sower of the seed... He is sowing seed, and the seed goes into the earth, that's self. The seed is the word of God. Then you have the sea. That represents the way the world thinks, the heavens, the earth, and the sea.

Heavens = God's Understanding

Earth = Our Understanding (self)

Sea = World's Understanding

Now he refers to them as hypocrites. You can see this literal understanding of the heavens, but when it comes to the spiritual understanding of the heavens, you're lacking. You're asking a sign from me, a sign of the time. You want to see a sign, and I'm telling you right now... and let me just say that John the Baptist pointed the finger at the Son of God, and he said, *"Behold, the Lamb of God. He takes away the sin of the world. God told me to come baptizing so that Israel could see the Christ. And I'm telling you that when I baptized him, the heavens opened, a dove came down and landed on this man. This is your Messiah. God spoke at that given time and said, 'You are my Son'"* (Jhn 1:29-35).

Hence, what did I say the heavens were? The heavens are God's understanding. The Pharisees are saying, *"Give us a sign of who you are."* John the Baptist had already borne witness to this truth. He told them, *"At one time,"* he says, *"you received the witness of John."* What was the problem? Because the understanding of God, the heavenly truth of who Jesus is, was declared by the Father Himself... was witnessed by John. John bore witness: This is the Christ. So you're asking me to give you a sign.

Well, they say this again in Matthew 12. Reading from verse 38.

Mat 12:38 Then certain of the scribes and Pharisees answered, and they said, Master, we would see a sign from you.

Mat 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation is seeking a sign. There shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah.

Mat 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights, where? In the heart of the earth.

What does this have to do with Jonah being in a fish for three days and three nights, and Jesus saying, *"You're not discerning the signs of the time. You're not getting it."* Jesus, when he was addressing these people, was referencing creation week in Genesis chapter 1. Have you never heard this? Has anyone ever explained this before? In Genesis chapter 1,

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep...

Gen 1:3 God speaks and says, Let there be light...

Now I've got to get something off my chest. I have carried this for years. If you are only going to read Genesis 1 literally, it makes no sense. I was told that when God said, "*Let there be light,*" that meant he created light... and then on the fourth day, he put the sun and the moon and the stars, where? In the heavens. For what? Signs and seasons.

Why would he create light, literally, without the sun being there, or the moon to reflect it, or the stars? When we try to keep this literally, and that's all you can see, you're missing the point. We have to now come up with all kinds of doctrines because we're not understanding the spiritual truth.

One doctrine is, "Well, when God created the heavens and the earth, initially, it was all dark. It was empty and void, and darkness was everywhere. He created just darkness." Does that even sound like something God would do to you? Let me give you another explanation of what that means. What you're reading in Genesis chapter 1 is an explanation of the creation of the church, not the universe.

Using myself as an example, I come to God, and my life is a mess. I'm 28 years old. I'm losing my family. I'm on drugs and alcohol. I don't even know which end is up anymore. I can't even go to work anymore and hold my head up. I am just miserable. I need a psychiatrist. That's what I'm telling people. I've got to go find a psychiatrist.

My "earth" or my self was empty, was void. "*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void.*" God did not create me without form and void. He created the heavens and earth (Zec 12:1).

I brought myself to be empty and in absolute darkness. Then God says, "*Let there be light*" ... meaning, it came to me that there really is a God- there really is a God. That came to my mind one Saturday morning. I was on my way to General Motors to train; I was in training. I had seen the movie "The Exorcist," which scared me to death, and for months, I lived in fear of demons.

One day, I'm going to the car, getting ready to go to General Motors, and it dawns on me: If there are evil bad angels, there have to be good ones. Now, maybe that sounds

silly. To me, that gave me a reason to believe there's a God. Just to admit that there are these demons out there, well, there have to be good ones. I think in my life, God expressed himself to me, "*Let there be light,*" and light came into my mind.

The next thing he does is separate light from dark. You begin to realize there is God's knowledge and there is darkness. Then water from water. He put a firmament in the heavens. What is "the heavens"? The heavens, earth, and sea. The heavens represent God's understanding... and he put a difference in my mind between water and water. Water is always a symbol of understanding. I realized God thinks differently than we do (Isa 55:8-9). There is light and dark. There's water from water. Then he separates the earth from the sea.

Think about it. The way the people in the world think, he separates that from your earth. What has to happen? You have to be converted. You cry out to God, and you ask him to forgive you and help you, and he does, and you have a conversion experience. You are not born from above, you're converted... and you make a decision that you're going to serve God.

When that happens, you quit listening to the world. He moves the sea off the earth. Now that you have an earth, seed can be planted in the earth. As long as your mind is only covered with the thoughts of the world, the definitions the world gives you about God and life and salvation and heaven and hell, your mind is only covered with the sea.

I was 28 years old when I was converted. I had never read the Bible for myself on my own. That means the only thing I knew about God was what somebody else had told me. My earth was covered by the sea. He even says in Psalm 24 that he will found the earth with the sea (Psa 24:2). That is exactly what he did. Now, just consider what I'm saying.

On the fourth day, he puts the sun, the moon, and the stars where? In the heavens. In other words, until that fourth day, my understanding of the sun and the moon and the stars was according to my own interpretation. But what are the sun, and moon, and the stars? The sun represents the Son. The moon represents the scriptures because the scriptures have no light unless the sun shines on them. The stars are those truths that come from the sun and the moon.

How do I know that? Go back and look at Joseph telling his father, *"I had a dream, and the sun and the moon and the stars are going to pay obeisance to me."* And he said, *"You think me and your mother and your brothers are all going to bow to you?"* (Gen 37:9-11).

Those stars represent truths that need to be in place to lighten our heavens. So it's on the fourth day that he gives you the understanding, the true way that you look at Jesus, the Bible, and the stars, the truths that we've already discerned.

Now what did Jesus say? Well, *"The only sign you're going to get is the sign of the prophet Jonah. Because as he was three days and three nights in the heart of a fish, so will I be three days and three nights."* Where? *"In the heart of the earth."* The earth is your "self." It's your own understanding. So remember the days of creation week. It starts off at night and grows brighter and brighter to the day, and then goes dark again. On the fourth day, how many days of creation have you experienced? Three and a half.

He will put the Son, Jesus Christ, in the right perspective for you, so that you will see Jesus the way God sees Jesus. Hence, he puts Jesus in the heavens in God's understanding. For you, it has been three and a half creation weekdays, and that is what Jesus is talking about. He doesn't mean he's literally going to be in the grave for three and a half days. I've seen people try to figure that out and make that literal. They can't make sense of it. If you read it spiritually, death is in the letter of the law; life is in the spirit of it (2Co 3:6).

So, again, what does Jesus tell the Pharisees? *"You can discern the heavens, the sky, literally, but you're not discerning the heavenly truth, the signs of the times."* Now, why is that significant? Because that time is a set time, and you take that to Genesis, that fourth day of creation, and he puts the sun, the moon, and the stars in the heavens for times and seasons (Gen 1:14-19). That word season is [4150]. It means a set time or a set place. It's exactly what He says in Matthew 16. *You're not discerning the signs and times.*

He meant that spiritually. He meant Genesis chapter 1. They were failing to see spiritual truth, and what did he say to them? *"You're hypocrites."* Why would they be hypocrites? Again, John had already said, *"This is the Son of God. This is he of whom I spoke. This is*

*the Lamb. He's going to take away the sin of the world"* (Jhn 1:29). *"This is God's Son"* (meaning this is Messiah). *"He's the Christ."*

It was the time of the Christ. Heavenly speaking, God had given them every reason to believe that it was the Christ. Had they read the scriptures from God's understanding of it, they would have known that. But they only seemed to read the Bible literally, and when it came to the day that Jesus was anointed and told he was the Son of God, in broad daylight, John the Baptist bearing witness, they missed it... or maybe they just refused to believe it. The sun and the moon, and the stars are for signs and seasons.

There's another verse I want to share with you right now. This is in Psalms 103. I want to start reading at verse 19.

Psa 103:19 The Lord has prepared his throne, where? In the heavens; and his kingdom is ruling over all.

Where's the kingdom of God? Luke 17, *"The kingdom of God is within you"* (Luk 17:20-21). *"The Lord has prepared his throne in the heavens."* Do you only see that literally? Do you only see that as somewhere up there in outer space, he's got a throne, when the kingdom of God is within you? The kingdom of God is within you. God has set his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. His throne is in his kingdom. How could he have a throne outside of his kingdom? His throne is in the kingdom. The kingdom is within you.

His throne is your conscience. God's throne is in the heavenly understanding that you carry. His throne is in the heavens. When I look at God giving Abraham a promise, and Abraham believes that promise, for him to live every day believing that promise, he's dwelling in the promised land. It doesn't matter where he is on the planet. It is in his understanding.

To dwell in that promise, you're dwelling in the promised land. Your land is between your ears, and you can dwell anywhere in this land you want to dwell. There is a section of your mind... It's sectioned off by how we understand. God says, *"That's my kingdom."* So you live in that understanding, and you're living in the kingdom, and God has set his

throne in the heavens. His kingdom will last forever. It's within you. *The kingdom of God is within you.* So you're dwelling in his kingdom when you're living in his promises.

Jesus was three days and three nights in the heart of those people who believed in God. They were converted, but they did not understand that Jesus was the only begotten Son of God. If you're a Trinitarian, Jesus is in the heart of your earth. Earth is self. If you're a Trinitarian, Jesus is in the heart of your earth, and God needs to send somebody to you to explain the truth so that you can hear God say, *"Jesus is my only begotten Son,"* and put the sun and the moon and the stars in place in your understanding.

The moon is the Bible. How are you reading it? The Bible is spiritual. Have you never read Romans 7:14? Paul said, *"We know the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin."* I know these things are hard to grasp. I know these things may be difficult. But for those of you who can hear it, in Genesis 1:26, when God puts all things under your feet, which is quoted in Psalms 8, Paul quotes that in Hebrews 2. And he says, *"For all things are not yet put under him, under us, but we see Jesus."* (Compare Genesis 1:26, Psalms 8:5-6, and Hebrews 2:6-9.)

That means creation week, on the sixth day, God is going to make you in his image. He cannot do that if you don't know the truth because the image he's making you in is between your ears. He's going to have you think like him. Jesus already does, so he's going to make you in the image of the only begotten Son of God. So the sixth day of creation, when he makes you in his image, is happening now. God is trying to get it through our minds into the heart that he is speaking spiritually. What he is saying applies to the mind, and I pray that this be something that you might read or listen to over and over again.

There is a podcast on Podbean.com. It's DTGm Revelation Studies. We've done multiple studies on the book of Revelation. The book of Revelation is spiritual. It's applying to the mind. That's why people can't understand it. Once you understand the biblical principle that the Bible is spiritual, it will begin to make sense. There isn't anything as important as Jesus being the Son of God. You've got to see that. When you do, you've got to understand he only spoke in parables.

Jesus spoke spiritual truth, and he said to the Pharisees, *"You're hypocrites. You're looking at this stuff literally."* You know, if they were Bible students, they would have begun to understand that there is spiritual truth. Matthew 16 is loaded with spiritual truth, and I pray to spend some time with you in that chapter and go over these things.

Right now, I pray that we could take a step closer to God and begin to understand how He teaches, how He thinks, how He would have us understand, that we might overcome all iniquity and be found where? In his kingdom. Where is it? The kingdom's within us. You're dwelling in that truth. You're staying in that truth. You live and dwell, live and breathe in his kingdom, and we will glorify him together.