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- The use of parables.
 - What is a parable? Parables are short stories that illustrates a moral or religious lesson
 - Why did Jesus taught so much using parables?
 Matt. 13:10-17
 - Was Jesus the only one who used parables in the Bible? 2 Sam. 12:1-5, 6-7; Isa. 5:1-6

- The use of parables.
 - Although parables have a primary point, their principles often can apply to other issues.
 Exam. Matt. 20:1-16; Luke 15:11-24
 - Some parables can be simple to understand, while others need some explanation.

Luke 8:9; 2 Pet. 3:16

- The short parables.
 - New cloth on a old garment.
 Mark 2:21; Luke 5:36; Matt. 9:16
 - New wine in old wineskins.
 Mark 2:22; Luke 5:37-38; Matt. 9:17
 - Point of these parables, the old and new cannot mix. Col. 3:5-10; 2:13-17

- The short parables.
 - The pearl of great value. Matt. 13:45-46
 - Point of this parable, seeking and letting go of all that holds us back.

Heb. 11:6; Col. 3:1-2; 1 John 2:15-17

- The short parables.
 - The hidden treasure. Matt. 13:44
 - Point of this parable, to get the valuable treasure, you have to get the whole field.
 Luke 9:23-24; Mark 10:29-30

- The short parables.
 - The mustard seed.

Mark 4:30-32; Matt. 13:31-32; Luke 13:18-19

- Point of this parable, the power of small things when used for God's purpose.
 1 Cor. 1:26-27; Jud. 3:31; 1 Sam. 17:40
- The leaven.

Matt. 13:33; Luke 13:20-21

- The short parables.
 - The leaven.

Matt. 13:33; Luke 13:20-21

 Point of this parable, the power of influence, both for good and bad.

Matt. 16:6; Gal. 5:9; 2 Chro. 24:2, 15-18

