



Living Walking Serving

FAITH AND GRACE CHURCH

**LEARNING FROM THE MASTER
(JESUS CHRIST- OUR CHIEF CORNERSTONE)**

STUDY 21-43 – THE PARABLES OF JESUS - Parable No. 19-The parable of The Householder

Text: Matt. 13:51-52

LAST WEEK: Parable No. 18: The parable of The Fishing Net (Matthew 13:47-50)

LESSONS: A day of reckoning will come in which God will separate the true believers from mere pretenders, and those found to be false will be cast into hell.

Parable No. 19-The parable of The Householder

(Matthew 13:51-52)

INTRODUCTION

Jesus asked his disciples if they understood the eight kingdom of heaven parables.

"Have you understood all these things?" (Mt 13:51)

When His disciples answer in the affirmative, Jesus tells yet another parable called "The Parable Of The Householder" - Mt 13:52

This parable, however, is describing not so much the kingdom of heaven itself, but those (especially "scribes") who have been instructed concerning the kingdom

THE PARABLE ITSELF - A "SCRIBE"...

"Therefore every scribe instructed about the kingdom of heaven..."

From the "Holman Bible Dictionary", a scribe was a "Person trained in writing skills and used to record events and decisions (Jer. 36:26; 1 Chron. 24:6; Esth. 3:12).

Ezra was a scribe in this sense of expert in teaching God's word (Ezra 7:6). A professional group of such scribes developed by New Testament times, most being Pharisees (Mark 2:16). They interpreted the law, taught it to disciples, and were experts in cases where people were accused of breaking the law of Moses. They led in plans to kill Jesus (Luke 19:47) and heard His stern rebuke (Matt. 23)."

A SCRIBE "INSTRUCTED CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN..."

Jesus' point is not about a normal scribe, who would understand only the Law but a scribe who would be instructed about the kingdom of heaven (via the parables)

SUCH A SCRIBE "IS LIKE A HOUSEHOLDER..."

A householder with "treasure", something of great value, treasure that is both "new" and "old" The "old" treasure would be his understanding of the Law. The "new" treasure would be his understanding of the kingdom of heaven.

A. EVERY DISCIPLE IS LIKE A SCRIBE...

B. EVERY DISCIPLE IS A LIKE HOUSEHOLDER WITH TREASURE...

C. EVERY DISCIPLE HAS BOTH OLD AND NEW TREASURE...

Not just the new treasure, but the old as well. Some Christians may downplay the importance of the Old Testament, but we shouldn't!

It was written for our learning, to provide patience, comfort and hope - Ro 15:4

It was written for our admonition - 1Co 10:11

It can help make us "wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ" - 2Ti 3:14-15

As "scripture" inspired of God, it is still profitable 2Ti 3:16-17

We should not seek to understand the New in light of the Old, but the Old in light of the New!