

Psalm 119:129-136

- ¹²⁹ Your statutes are wonderful;
therefore I obey them.
- ¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
- ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant,
longing for your commands.
- ¹³² Turn to me and have mercy on me,
as you always do to those who love your name.
- ¹³³ Direct my footsteps according to your word;
let no sin rule over me.
- ¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may obey your precepts.
- ¹³⁵ Make your face shine on your servant
and teach me your decrees.
- ¹³⁶ Streams of tears flow from my eyes,
for your law is not obeyed.

Matthew 13:31-33

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The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

³³ He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds^[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Matthew 13:44-52

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."