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THE PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST

PARABLE TWENTY: A Trained Man and His Treasure (Mt. 13:52)

SURVEY

A disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a person who brings out of the storehouse new teachings as well as old teachings.

SIGNIFICANCE

This is the final of two parables where Jesus contrasts the old with the new. See parable number 7 for the first.

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- Jesus refers to a scribe in this parable.

1. A scribe was one who copied, contemplated, and communicated the Word of God in regard to the people of Israel.
2. Ezra was the most famous of the biblical scribes.

"This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments" (Ezra 7:6, 10).

3. What marvelous truths modern-day scribes (diligent Bible students) can still bring from the ultimate treasure, God's Word.

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33).

- During a conversation on that first Easter Sunday afternoon with two disciples, Jesus would play the role of the Sovereign Scribe, bringing forth both old and new treasures from the Hebrew Bible storehouse. Note:

"And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk,

and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done . . . Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Lk. 24:13-21, 25-27)