

PARABLES

The Reason for Parables

Read Matthew 13:10-17

- Reading verse :11, what can we conclude Christ's parables contained?

- In verses :13-14, what difference would it make if the word "understand" was actually *consider*?

- Therefore, in verse :12, what is meant by, "For whosoever hath". Hath what?

- According to verse :15, why won't these people even consider what they are hearing?

Question: Why would the disciples record the parables, in the gospels, and not just simply give us the answers? Does this reflect on why Revelation is recorded the way it is?

Dull of Hearing

Read Hebrews 5:11-14

- What is meant by, "hard to be uttered" in verse :11?
- What is meant by "milk" and strong meat" in verse :12?
- Can you give another word to describe "the word of righteousness" used in verse :13?
- How could you put verse :14 in your own words?

Once Enlightened

Read Hebrews 6:1-8

- In verse 1, the word principles is actually the word beginning. What are the things listed as beginnings or basic doctrines of Christ?

- In verses :4-5, is Paul speaking of believers or unbelievers?

Read verse :6 in the Bible in Basic English

Hebrews 6:6 BBE

6) And then let themselves be turned away, it is not possible for their hearts to be made new a second time; because they themselves put the Son of God on the cross again, openly shaming him.

- What does this verse mean?

Read Matthew 13:15 one more time and express your thoughts before closing.