

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

LOVE

Lesson

6.

OBJECTIVE: To introduce the connections of love with the attendant actions which go with it.

PARABLES:

- A. *Love and Forgiveness, the parable of two debtors:*
Luke 7:36-50
- B. *Love and Mercy, the parable of the unmerciful servant:*
Matt.18:21-35
- C. *Love and Neighborliness, the parable of the good Samaritan:* Luke 10:25-37

I. THE SETTINGS:

- A. Under what circumstance was the first parable told?

- B. What teaching had Jesus just given which prompted Peter's question before the second parable [Matt.18:15-17]?

- C. Why did the lawyer ask, "Who is my neighbor?"

II. THE CENTRAL TEACHINGS:

If you were to state in a few words the central teaching of each of these parables, what would they be?

1st

Parable:

2nd

Parable:

3rd

Parable:

III. UNDERSTANDING THE PARABLES:

All the parables were told to be applied to the lives of the listeners as well as those who would read them. Let's make application of some points to our lives:

A. What was a "**denari**" or a "**pence**" worth?

Why would the person with the greater debt feel more love at _____ being _____ forgiven?

B. In applying the principle of the first parable to us today, what realization must we come to in order to love God? _____

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C. How much was a "**talent**" worth?

D. Was it justice for the king to imprison the debtor? [cf. **Exod.22:3**] _____

What is the parallel in our dealing with God?

E. If God forgives the "**unpayable debt**" we owe, what are we _____ to _____ do _____ to _____ others?

F. The principle of our forgiving others AS God has forgiven us is also stated in other passages. **Where?**

G. Are all of us debtors to God? How do we know this?

H. What does it mean to "**forgive ... from the heart**"?

I. Who were the **Samaritans**?

J. The main stress of the **third** parable deals with our *relationship to whom?*

K. How would you define "**love**"?

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Additional Notes:

