

Welcome to the Revolution

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Introduction to the Parables

Matthew 13:10-17

...(most) of them are designed to capture the listener and make him a participant, overturning his world view and leading him to call into question his most basic values.

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I. What Is A Parable?

- A. Definition

- B. Kingdom of God

...the redemptive reign of God dynamically active to establish his rule among men, and that this Kingdom, which will appear as an apocalyptic act at the end of the age, has already come into human history in the person and mission of Jesus to overcome evil, to deliver men from its power, and to

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bring them into the blessings of God's reign. The Kingdom of God involves two great moments: fulfillment within history, and consummation at the end of history.

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C. Mystery

The Kingdom which is to come finally in apocalyptic power, as foreseen in Daniel, has in fact entered into the world in advance in a hidden form to work secretly within and among men.

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II. Who Is It For?

- A. Disciples
- B. Clear separation

III. Why Parables?

- A. Sovereignty and election
- B. Human responsibility and dullness

IV. When Is It Relevant?

V. Where Are We To Go With It?

- A. Revolutionary society
- B. Revolutionary plan