

# HERMENEUTICS



# SPECIAL HERMENEUTICS

The background of the slide is a photograph of a university campus. In the center is a large, multi-story building with a light-colored facade and many windows. To the right of the building is a tall, modern fountain with a cylindrical structure. The foreground is a paved plaza with shadows from trees. The sky is blue with some clouds.

1. Narrative

6. Epistles

2. Poetry

7. Parables

3. Wisdom

4. Prophecy

5. Typology



**PARABLES**



# **PARABLES**

➤ **Importance**

**“Perhaps the most distinctive feature of Jesus’ teaching methods was His use of parables.”**

**Kaiser & Silva**

**“Parables have suffered misinterpretation second only to Revelation.”**

**Fee & Stuart**

**“The stories Jesus told, such as the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, & the Sower, rank as among the most famous & popular parts of all Scripture.”**

**Klein, Bloomberg, Hubbard**

# **PARABLES**

➤ **Importance**

➤ **Extent**

# **OCCURRENCE**

- **OT - Nathan to David**  
**Vineyard with Wild Grapes**
- **NT - Jesus**  
**30 - 73**



# Cove of the Sower







# **PARABLES**

- **Importance**
- **Extent**
- **Properties**



**“A True to Life Story to  
Illustrate or Illumine a Truth”**

**R Zuck**



# TERMS

παραβολη -  
(parabole)

50x

מִשַּׁל -  
מִשַּׁל

(mashal)

39x

# מִשָּׁל (mashal)

1. Proverb
2. Dark Saying
3. Taunt
4. Oracle
5. Parable



# παραβολη (parabole)

1. Proverb
2. Similitude
3. Parable

# **PARABLES**

- **Importance**
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- **Characteristics**

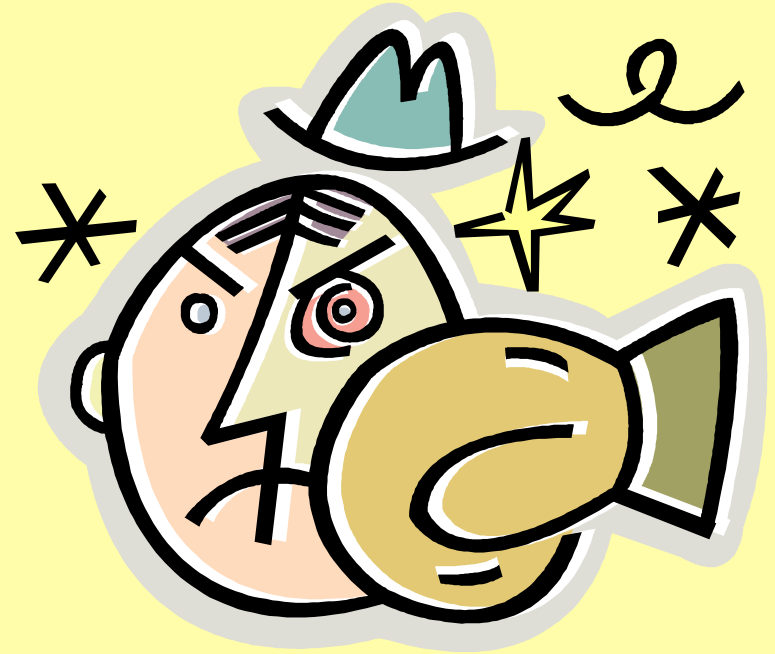
# **CHARACTERISTICS**

- 1. Illustrate Truth**
- 2. Compare or Contrast**
- 3. Pack a Punch**

# PACK A PUNCH

➤ Joke -> Laughter

Designed  
to elicit a  
**RESPONSE**



➤ Parable -> Spiritual  
Response

# **CHARACTERISTICS**

- 1. Illustrate Truth**
- 2. Compare or Contrast**
- 3. Pack a Punch**
- 4. Lifelikeness**
- 5. May have Allegory elements**

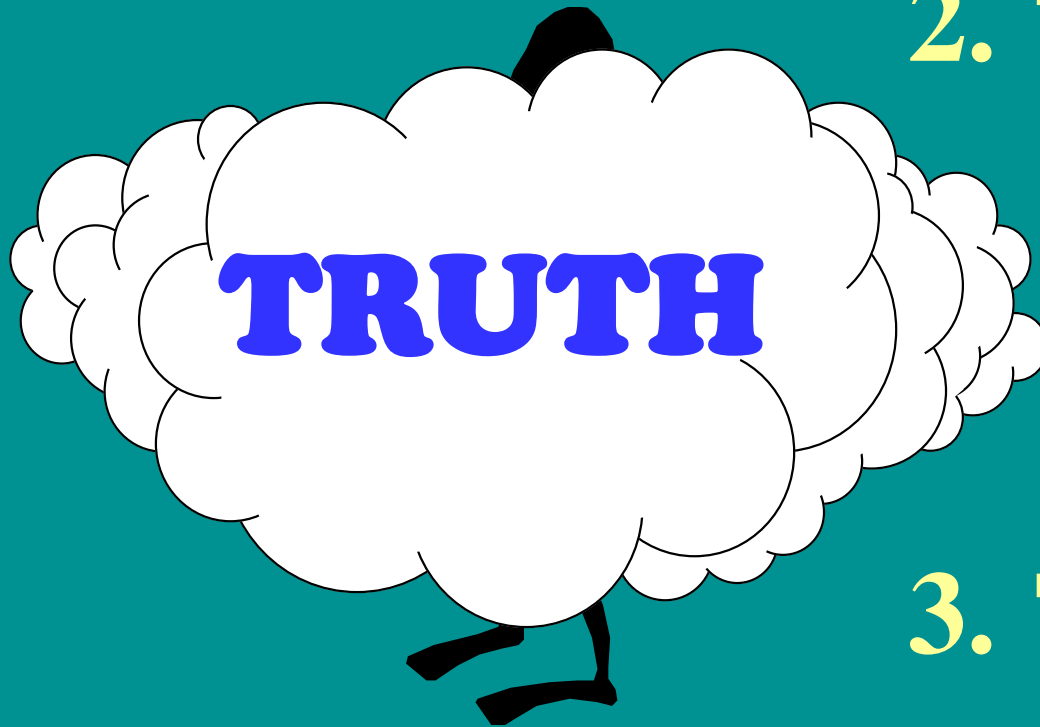
# **PARABLES**

- **Importance**
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- **Characteristics**
- **Purpose**



# PURPOSE

1. To Reveal
2. To Conceal

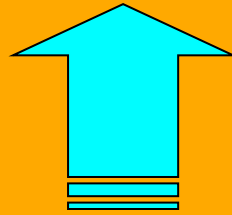


3. To Fulfill

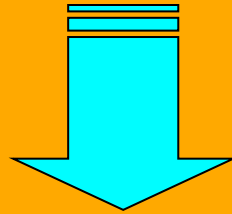
**GOD to Isaiah:**

**“I will send you,  
but you will be  
REJECTED!”**

**Sensitivity**



**TRUTH**



**Hardening**

# **PARABLES**

- **Importance**
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- **Properties**
- **Characteristics**
- **Purpose**
- **Principles**

# PRINCIPLES



- Contextual
- Cultural
- Theological
- Exegetical