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THINGS NEW, THINGS OLD

Chapter 13 of Matthew contains Jesus' seven parables on the "Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven." Parables are "mysteries" because not everyone can understand the spiritual meaning behind the description of something in the natural. Additional revelation is usually needed or is helpful.

The seven parables were:

1. The sower
2. The tares and wheat
3. The mustard seed
4. The leaven
5. The hidden Treasure
6. The Pearl
7. The cast net

Afterward, Jesus asked the multitude if they understood all of it. They lied; they said, ***"yes, Lord."*** Jesus then said something in v 52 that was another parable. (NKJV) ***"therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."***

A "scribe" is one who wrote or "kept" the written word of God. A "householder" would be one with the responsibility of overseeing or "keeping" that word for the "house," the kingdom of heaven. The "scribe" or "keeper" shall bring forth out of that treasure, the Word of God, both things old and things new.

You and I represent the "scribe." As we study the Word and bring it forth (speak it or teach it), some of it is the "old" which we have already known. Some of it is the "new" with which the Holy Spirit enlightens to us as we study it. Without "keeping" the study of the word, we would receive neither "new" understanding nor a "refreshing" (new light) on our previous (old) understanding. Holy Spirit is our teacher of the word and our revealer of Jesus the Christ.

This is why it is important to read and study the Word. To keep our understanding from becoming stale, we need that freshness, the refreshing from the Word and Holy Spirit.