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#4912 LVM MASHAL {MAW-SHAWL<sup>1</sup>}

apparently from 04910 in some original sense of superiority in mental action; TWOT - 1258a; n m  
AV - proverb 19, **parable** 18, byword 1, like 1; 39

- 1) proverb, **parable**
  - 1a) proverb, proverbial saying, aphorism
  - 1b) byword
  - 1c) similitude, **parable**
  - 1d) poem
  - 1e) sentences of ethical wisdom, ethical maxims

#2420 HDYX CHIYDAH {KHEE-DAW<sup>1</sup>}

from 02330; TWOT - 616a; n f  
AV - riddle 9, dark sayings 3, hard question 2, dark sentence 1, proverb 1, dark speech 1; 17

- 1) riddle, difficult question, **parable**, enigmatic saying or question, perplexing saying or question
  - 1a) riddle (dark obscure utterance)
  - 1b) riddle, enigma (to be guessed)
  - 1c) perplexing questions (difficult)
  - 1d) double dealing (with 'havin')

#3850 PARABOLE PARABOLE {PAR-AB-OL-AY<sup>1</sup>}

from 3846; TDNT - 5:744,773; n f  
AV - **parable** 46, figure 2, comparison 1, proverb 1; 50

- 1) a placing of one thing by the side of another, juxtaposition, as of ships in battle
- 2) metaph.
  - 2a) a comparing, comparison of one thing with another, likeness, similitude
  - 2b) an example by which a doctrine or precept is illustrated
  - 2c) a narrative, fictitious but agreeable to the laws and usages of human life, by which either the duties of men or the things of God, particularly the nature and history of God's kingdom are figuratively portrayed
  - 2d) a **parable**: an earthly story with a heavenly meaning
- 3) a pithy and instructive saying, involving some likeness or comparison and having preceptive or admonitory force
  - 3a) an aphorism, a maxim
- 4) a proverb
- 5) an act by which one exposes himself or his possessions to danger, a venture, a risk

#3942 PAROIMIA PAROIMIA {PAR-OY-MEE<sup>1</sup>-AH}

from a compound of 3844 and perhaps a derivative of 3633; TDNT - 5:854,790; n f  
AV - proverb 4, **parable** 1; 5

- 1) a saying out of the usual course or deviating from the usual manner of speaking
  - 1a) a current or trite saying, a proverb
- 2) any dark saying which shadows forth some didactic truth
  - 2a) esp. a symbolic or figurative saying
  - 2b) speech or discourse in which a thing is illustrated by the use of similes and comparisons
  - 2c) an allegory
    - 2c1) extended and elaborate metaphor

## “THE PARABOLIC NATURE OF SCRIPTURE”

JOB 27:1; 29:1 KJV

1 Moreover Job continued his **parable**, and said,

PROVERBS 26:7,9 KJV

7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a **parable** in the mouth of fools.

9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a **parable** in the mouth of fools.

PSALMS 25:14, KJV

14 The **secret** of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

PSALMS 78:2, KJV

2 I will open my mouth in a **parable**: I will utter dark sayings of old:

EZEKIEL 17:2; 20-49; 24-3 KJV

17:2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a **parable** unto the house of Israel;

20:49 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak **parables**?

24:3 And utter a **parable** unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Set on a pot, set it on, and also pour water into it:

ISAIAH 6:9-10, KJV

9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

10 **Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes;** lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

ISAIAH 28:9-13, KJV

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; **that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.**

JEREMIAH 9:23-24, KJV

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

24 But **let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me**, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

MICAH 2:4, KJV

4 In that day shall one take up a **parable against you**, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed it from me! turning away he hath divided our fields.

## HABAKKUK 2:1-14, KJV

1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables**, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but **the just shall live by his faith**.

5 Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

6 Shall not all these take up a **parable against him**, and **a taunting proverb against him**, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!

7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

9 Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul.

11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

12 Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity!

13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?

14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

## MATTHEW 13:3-17, 34-35, KJV

3 And he spake many things unto them in **parables**, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in **parables**?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, **but to them it is not given**.

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

13 Therefore speak I to them in **parables**: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16 **But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.**

17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in **parables**; and without a **parable** spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in **parables**; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

LUKE 8:9-10, 17-18, KJV

9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this **parable** be?

10 And he said, **Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.**

17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken **even that which he seemeth to have.**

MATTHEW 13:34-36, KJV

34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in **parables**; and without a **parable** spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in **parables**; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the **parable** of the tares of the field.

MARK 4:10-13, 24-25, 33-34, KJV

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the **parable**.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in **parables**:

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, **Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?**

24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

33 And with many such **parables** spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.  
34 But without a **parable** spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

LUKE 4:23, KJV

23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this **proverb**, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

JOHN 12:37-41, KJV

37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:  
38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, **Lord, who hath believed our report?** and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,  
40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.  
41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

JOHN 16:25-32 KJV

25 These things have I spoken unto you in **proverbs**: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but **I shall shew you plainly** of the Father.  
26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:  
27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.  
28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.  
29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no **proverb**.  
30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.  
31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?  
32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, **because the Father is with me**.

ACTS 28:21-28, KJV

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.  
22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: **for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against**.  
23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.  
24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.  
25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,  
26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, **and should be converted, and I should heal them.**

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

II PETER 3:15-16, KJV

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, **unto their own destruction.**

JOHN 20:30-31; 21:24-25, KJV

30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and **that believing ye might have life through his name.**

24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

LUKE 1:1-4, KJV

1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

I JOHN 2:20-25, KJV

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

II JOHN 1:12, KJV

12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

## III JOHN 1:13-14, KJV

13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

## JUDE 1:3-4, KJV

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of **the common salvation**, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith **which was once delivered** unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

## HEBREWS 6:18, KJV

18 That by **two immutable things**, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

## HEBREWS 9:22, KJV

22 And **almost all things** are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

## GALATIANS 1:6-12, KJV

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ **unto another gospel**:

7 **Which is not another**; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have **received**, let him be accursed.

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, **but by the revelation of Jesus Christ**.

## JOHN 3:25-29, KJV

26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

27 John answered and said, **A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven**.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

## REV 22:18-21, KJV

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, **God shall add unto him** the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God shall take away his part** out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.