

The Haves and the Have-Nots

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Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Matthew 13:10-12

Parables are picturesque stories that reveal truth about God's Church, and they are not to be taken lightly. As Jesus teaches His disciples, they are becoming those to whom much has been given, and, as a result, they are able to gain even more. Unfortunately, the converse is true of those who do not receive the teachings of Christ; they will lose everything.

Jesus returns to this theme in a series of parables in Matthew 25. He warns against failing to "keep the light on for you" as we wait for Jesus to return (Matthew 25:1-13). Next, He warns of not putting to use the resources He has shared with us while we wait for him to return (Matthew 25:14-30).

The Bible teaches that there are "Haves" - those who receive the Word, and "Have-Nots" - those who do not receive the Word. It is safe to say that the Word provides hope for those who have not received. They can still repent and receive it and thus escape being cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. It is also true that the Word provides warning that even those who receive the Word may yet end up in that place of torment (Matthew 25:28-30).

So, there is another category of receptacle for God's Word. We might call them the "Hads". The Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13 clearly identifies those who do not have (13:9), those who have but do not keep (13:20-22), and those in whom the word bears fruit and yields a hundredfold, or sixtyfold, or thirtyfold (13:23).

Which are you?

Are you keeping the light on for Jesus by putting God's Word to work in this world? Or have you stashed the gift that He gave you, His Holy Spirit? We may not like to hear this warning, but better to hear it now. Jesus shares these parables with us so He can say to us,

"Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master"
(Matthew 25:21)



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Jesus Delivers a Performance Evaluation.*

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Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class:** We will study Day 2 of Lesson 8 on the 12th. We will meet at the building at 10.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** February 13th. Paul will be teaching Ephesians chapter 3.
- **Horseheads Ladies' Day-** Saturday, March 16th. Sandy will be the speaker for the day. The text is Psalm 1.
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing-** the next one will be March 31st at Horseheads.
- **Sojourners** here- July 8-18. We are planning a Gospel meeting at this time and Kittanning may decide to do the VBS then, also.

Next Potluck: Next Sunday, February 17th.

Make something pink or red!



- **Arthur** has started a series of classes in preparation for **volunteering as a chaplain at the hospital** here in Sayre.
- **Arthur and Sandy will be traveling to Seattle, WA** on March 20th for their son, Kevan's retirement from the Air Force, along with a family reunion in the Cascade Mountains. **Paul** will be standing in for Arthur while he is gone.
- Brandon, Dara's son, and, Jamie welcomed little Kane into the world Thursday at 5:53pm, weighing 7lbs, 5oz!



Congratulations, Grandma Dara!

- **Sharon Rumsey** has left the hospital here and returned home to Enfield, NY. She is grateful for our prayers.

PRAYERS

- Karen McCaffery is still hoping to let her friend **Sharon Rumsey** know the gospel. She asks us to continue in prayer as the church in Ithaca, NY takes over where we left off.
- **Ted's granddaughter, Peyton**, who we all know and love, has been having seizures of an unknown origin, which is very scary for her and family. Pray that the cause can be found, and Peyton can be treated to stop the seizures.
- **Dara** has taken a job. Prayers of thanksgiving that she found work. Also, a prayer of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of her little grandson, **Kane**.
- **Mark Elsbree**, Doug's older brother, has been put on the national list for kidney donors. Please pray that he finds a donor match soon.
- **Sam** is trying to secure an internship in our area while he finishes his last semester at Corning.
- Pray for **Marilynn Patrick** who is battling metastatic colon cancer.
- Pray that **Jackie** will have a smooth move from her home in Endicott to her new place in Athens, and that she can live comfortably there on her income.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** –stage 4 lung cancer. Lori has recently stopped chemo treatments, which were just prolonging her life, and is managing her own cancer recovery with prayer and a healthy diet. We are praying along with this faithful Christian lady and her family specifically for her cancer to be gone.
- **Erin Beiber** - metastatic breast cancer.
- Pray for our new **prayer ministry**.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.