

TABLES & SINNERS

JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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PARABLES

Luke 8:4-15 (ESV)





What is a Parable?

The most important aspect of a parable is what it reveals about Jesus and His Kingdom, how it functions and therefore how we as His followers should function.

LUKE

8:4-15

**THE MOST
FAMOUS
PARABLE**

4 And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, **5** "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. **6** And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

LUKE

8:4-15

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. **8** And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR." **9** And when his disciples asked him **what this parable meant,** **10** he said, "To you it has been given to know

LUKE

8:4-15

the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' **11** Now the Parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. **12** The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

LUKE

8:4-15

13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. **14** And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

LUKE

8:4-15

15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.





Why use Parables?

LUKE

8:9-10

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Why use Parables?

He is REVEALING.

He is CONCEALING.

He is PROVOKING.



How to read Parables:

Context

Interpretation

Application

LUKE 13:6-9

A MORE OBSCURE PARABLE

6 And he told this parable: "A man had a **fig tree** planted in his **vineyard**, and **HE CAME SEEKING FRUIT ON IT** and found none. 7 And he said to the **vinedresser**, 'Look, for **three years now** I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. **Cut it down**. Why should it **use up the ground?**'

LUKE 13:6-9

8 And he answered him, 'Sir, **LET IT ALONE THIS YEAR** also, **UNTIL I DIG AROUND IT** and put on **MANURE**. 9 Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; **but if not, you can cut it down.**' "



What does this **reveal about**
JESUS AND HIS KINGDOM?

How it **FUNCTIONS** and therefore
how we as His **FOLLOWERS** should
function.

AN EXPECTATION OF FRUITFULNESS



JOHN 15:8-11

8 My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are My disciples.



**Fruitfulness in *FORMATION* (fruit of the Spirit)
and fruit in *MISSION*.**

Am I becoming more like Jesus?

Formation – reveling in the mercy of God

Am I engaged in His commission?

Proclamation, demonstration and participation.

*"Is this idea of the non-fruit bearing
Christian something that we have
concocted in order to make
Christianity 'easier?' ... so that we can
follow our own course while still
calling ourselves followers of Christ?"*

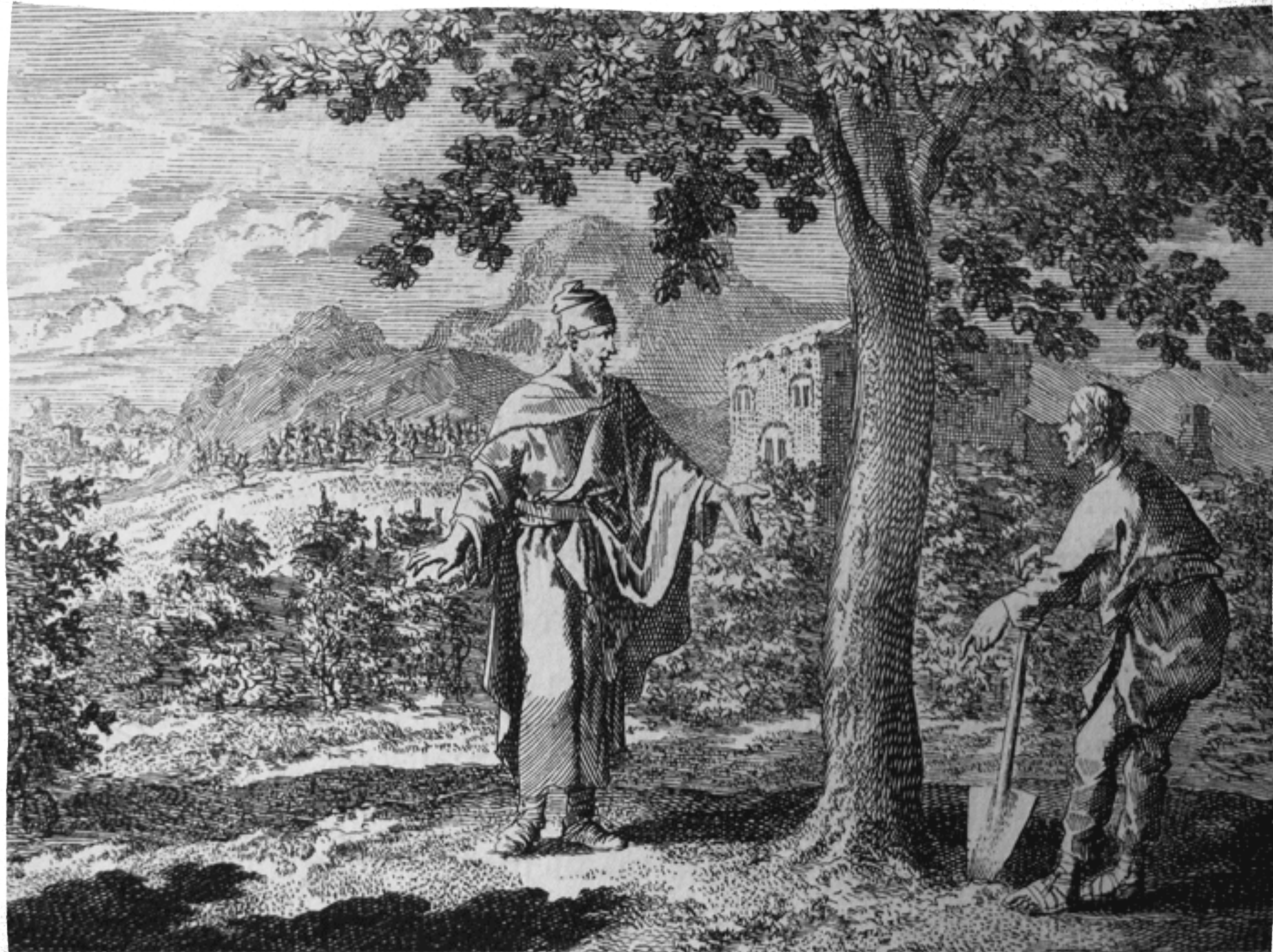
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He intervenes.

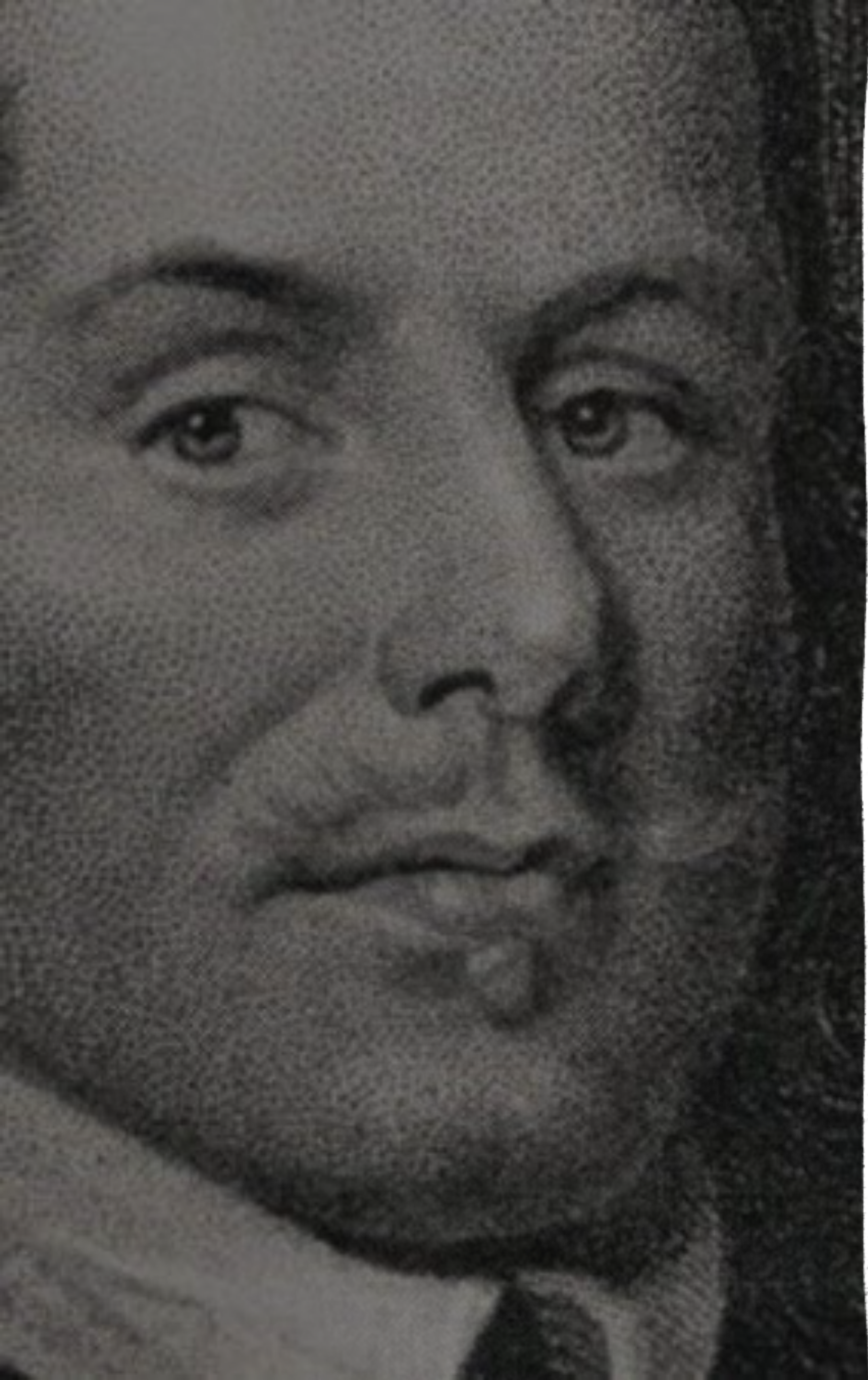
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God...will not lightly or easily lose His people. He has provided well for us: blood to wash us in; a Priest to pray for us, that we may be made to persevere; and, in case we foully fall, an Advocate to plead our cause.

PAUL BUNYAN

WE AREN'T IN THIS ALONE

He digs.

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WE AREN'T IN THIS ALONE

He feeds.

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THERE IS A DAY OF RECKONING

The character of Jesus is revealed in this Parable.

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ROMANS

6:20-23

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **21** But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. **22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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