

Matthew 13



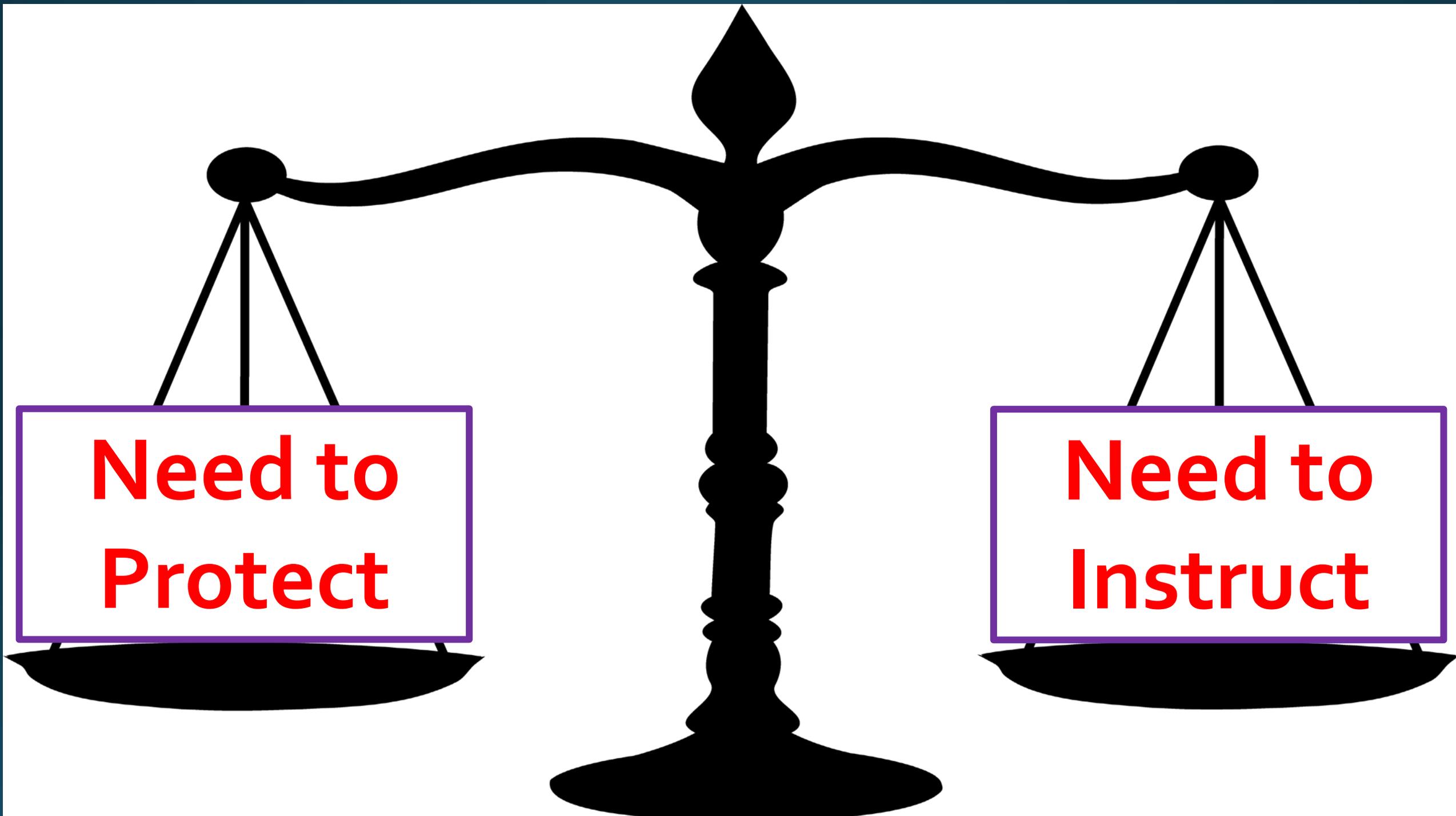
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Parables

Matthew 13:10,11

Matthew 13: 34,35





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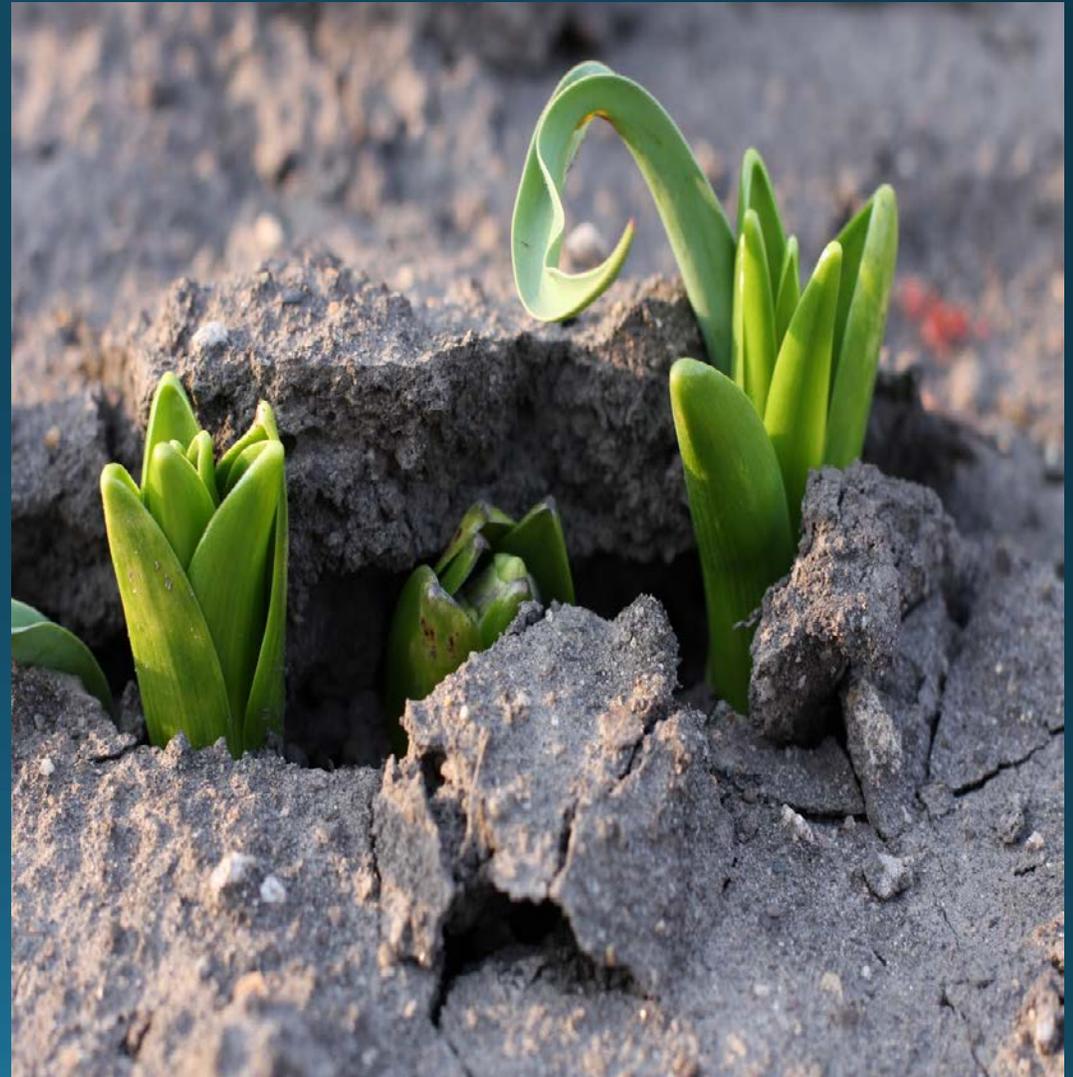
Bruce R. McConkie

Parables are a call to investigate the truth; to learn more; to inquire into the spiritual realities, which, through them, are but dimly viewed.

Parables start truth seekers out in the direction of further light and knowledge and understanding; they invite men to ponder such truths as they are able to bear in the hope of learning more.

Parables are a call to come unto Christ, to believe his doctrines, to live his laws, and to be saved in his kingdom. They teach arithmetic to those who have the capacity to learn calculus in due course.

They are the mild milk of the word that prepares our spiritual digestive processes to feast upon the doctrinal meat of the kingdom.
(The Mortal Messiah, Vol.2, p.245)



The Parable of the Soils

Matthew 13: 1



The Lost

Matthew 13:19

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart.

This is he which received seed by the way side.

1 Nephi 8:22

And it came to pass that they did come forth, and commence in the path which led to the tree.

23 And it came to pass that there arose a mist of darkness; yea, even an exceedingly great mist of darkness, insomuch that they who had commenced in the path did lose their way, that they wandered off and were lost.

The Unrooted

Matthew 13:20

But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

1 Nephi 8:24

And it came to pass that I beheld others pressing forward, and they came forth and caught hold of the end of the rod of iron; and they did press forward through the mist of darkness, clinging to the rod of iron, even until they did come forth and partake of the fruit of the tree.

25 And after they had partaken of the fruit of the tree they did cast their eyes about as if they were ashamed.

The Star Struck

Mathew 13:22

He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

1 Nephi 8:31

And he also saw other multitudes feeling their way towards that great and spacious building.

32 And it came to pass that many were drowned in the depths of the fountain; and many were lost from his view, wandering in strange roads.

33 And great was the multitude that did enter into that strange building.

Good Seed in Good Ground

Matthew 13:23

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it, which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

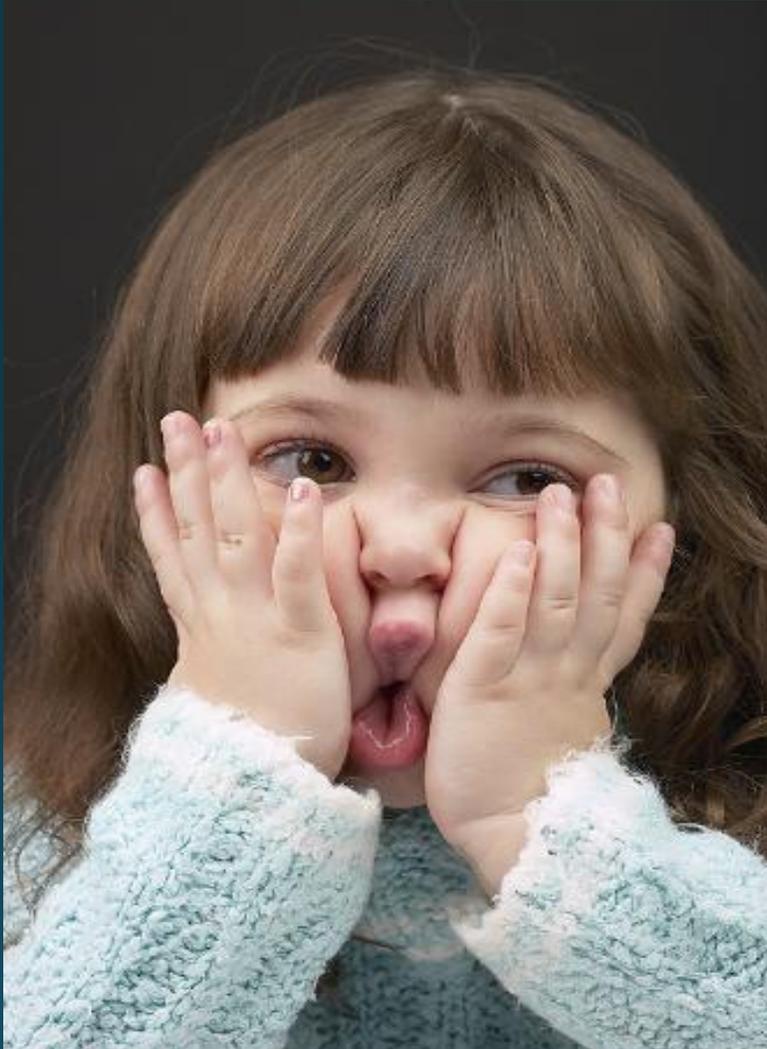
1 Nephi 8:30

But, to be short in writing, behold, he saw other multitudes pressing forward; and they came and caught hold of the end of the rod of iron; and they did press their way forward, continually holding fast to the rod of iron, until they came forth and fell down and partook of the fruit of the tree.

Tares? Matt 13:24



Hugh Nibley



The gospel of repentance is a constant reminder that the most righteous are still being tested and may yet fall, and that the most wicked are not yet beyond redemption and may still be saved.

And that is what God wants: "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" (Ezekiel 18:23).

There are poles for all to see, but in this life no one has reached and few have ever approached either pole, and no one has any idea at what point between his neighbor stands. Only God knows that..

(Collected Works of Hugh Nibley, Vol.8, Ch.20, p.461 - p.462).