

Behold Your Messiah

Week 4: The Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus' Yoke

The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' _____ on how to interpret and apply the commandments in the Torah.

Matthew 5:3-10 are a type of well-known short wisdom teachings found in the Psalms, Prophets, and are abundant in intertestamental wisdom literature called _____.

Matthew 5-7 characterized by the idiomatic phrase, "you have heard it said, but I say to you..." which indicated a rabbi with s'mikhah was giving his _____ of Hebrew Scripture.

Inclusio: a technique used by the author to bookend a teaching to _____ a message

Exodus 20:7

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

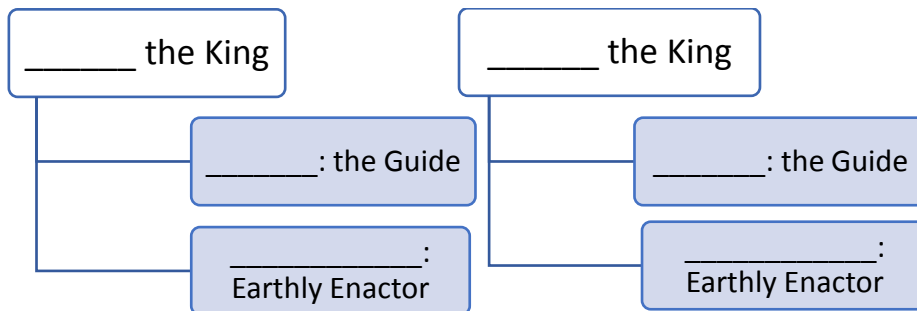
LORD in the Bible is a _____ for the Holy Name of God: יהוה

"Name" in Hebrew is "shem," which also means _____.

"Vain" in Hebrew is "shav," which also means _____.

At Mt. Sinai God ratified a contract with the Israelites which made him the _____ of Israel.

Biblical Triune Pattern



The Kingdom of Heaven is found where _____ is being done on earth.

Parables:

- were always used to explain the Word of God with the specific goal of forcing a _____.
- used the same _____ of characters
 - Seeds are the Words of God
 - Farmer represents God
 - Four things being compared is always about 4 types of _____

The Parable of the Sower is about the _____.

- Cf. Isaiah 55.10-11 and Jeremiah 4.3; 23.29.

Mysteries in ancient Greco-Roman culture:

- Were cultic rites in which the destinies of a god were portrayed by sacred actions before the devotees in such a way as to give them a _____ in the fate of the god.
- Integral to this revealing of and participation in the divine plan was the _____ of the devotee
- Intrinsic to all mysteries was a vow of _____ to the uninitiated.

As a mystery, the parable of the sower reveals how inductees to the Kingdom of Heaven might thrive and fulfill our God-given _____ within the divine plan.

Comparison of the soils:

1. Well-trodden path:
 - No understanding
 - στυγημι (soo-NEE-eh-mi), which means an understanding that's led to _____.
2. Rocky soil:
 - Stumbling stones are biblical metaphors for _____ (cf. Jer. 4.1-4).
 - Stones prevent roots
 - Roots only grow when _____ (cf. Jer. 23:29).
3. Thorns:
 - Thorns are life's worries, riches, and pleasures (cf. Lk. 8:14); lies of the world
 - Cannot give up worldly _____.
 - Exchanges temporary fulfillment for eternal blessing.
4. Well-prepared:
 - Breaks up hard ground by humbling oneself (cf. Jer. 4:1-4)
 - _____ the stumbling stones
 - _____ away the thorns
 - _____ in daily nourishment