Turkey Branch Baptist Church "A Lesson on Parables" Matthew 13:10-17 06/05/22

- I. Parables were Jesus' way of hiding the truth from some, while enlivening faith in His hearers.
- II. Belief and Judgement will be exasperated through the Word.
 - 1) Whoever has, more will be given to him
 - 2) Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken.
- III. Isaiah's mission was to secure judgement by preaching the Word.
- IV. The Word is a merciful gift of God's grace to His disciples.
- V. Five closing appeals for better listening of the Word:
 - 1) Pray that God would give you a fertile heart.
 - 2) Meditate on the Word (esp. the passage about to be studied).
 - 3) Purify your mind by turning away from worldly entertainment.
 - 4) Get a good night's rest on Saturday night.
 - 5) When the worship service begins, think seriously about what is sung and prayed.

