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It is very ~~xxx~~ important, in study of the Bible, that we build our doctrines on clear teachings and then find illustrative and explanatory material elsewhere rather than to start with the passages ~~4~~ that ~~xxxx~~ are obscure. In his notes on the parables Trench ~~says/xx~~ says (page 17), "The parables are not to be made ~~fx~~ first sources of doctrines. Doctrines otherwise grounded may ~~be~~ illustrated or even further confirmed by them, but it is not allowable to constitute doctrines ~~(not clear)~~ first by their ~~xxxx~~ aid." Trench strongly stresses the fact that it ~~is~~ vital to get fast hold "of the central truth which the parable would set forth, and distinguish it in the mind as accurately as we can from all truths which border upon it." ~~Sometimes~~

Sometimes a parable has one simple idea which it stresses, but the story illustrating this simple idea may have a number of details developed which do not relate directly to the point of the parable. In other cases some of these details of the story may illustrate various related aspects. Just how much of the ~~detail~~ details of the parable actually ~~xx~~ represent specific ~~xxxxxx~~ religious matters, and how many of them are simply in order to bring out the main point, is a matter that must be carefully determined in relation to each parable, and on it there ~~may~~ may be great difference of opinion among different interpreters. Yet all honest interpreters who examine the parable carefully should agree upon the basic thought which it teaches. When one goes beyond this it is important that we should not dogmatically ~~draw~~ draw teachings from what it left, from additional points, but ~~perhaps~~ perhaps ~~we~~ find in them supporting illustrations of matters definitely taught elsewhere.

In Matthew 13 it is interesting to note that in verse ~~22~~ 24 it says that the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field. In ~~verse~~ verse 31 it says the kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed.

Verse 33 says the kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven. Verse 44 says the ~~kingdom~~ kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field. Verse 45, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man seeking goodly pearls. Verse ~~xx~~ 47,