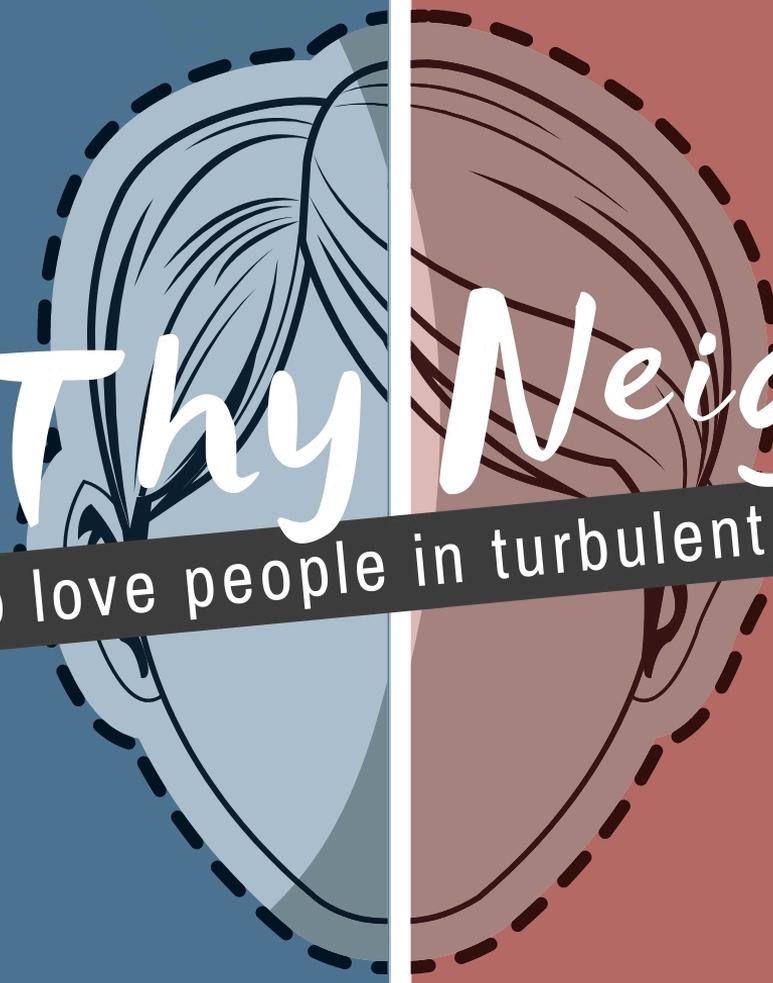




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This Weeks Sermon

“What is the Kingdom of God: Mustard Seed”

Matthew 13:31-33

What do we know about this Kingdom?

A definition

No doubt can be entertained that both in the Old Testament and in Jewish literature, (*basileia*), when applied to God, means always the 'kingly rule', never 'the kingdom' as if it were meant to suggest the territory governed by Him.

~Norval Geldenhuys, *The New International Commentary on the New Testament: The Gospel of Luke*, (Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, 1979), 179.

What is a parable?

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- 1. It makes an abstract idea concrete and visible*
- 2. They move us from here and now to then and there*
- 3. They are interesting*
- 4. They make us think for ourselves*
- 5. It also concealed its meaning to some*
- 6. It was spoken*

What is a parable?

Grasp the text in their town

Matthew 13:31-33

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

Matthew 13:31-33

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

Parable of the Mustard Seed

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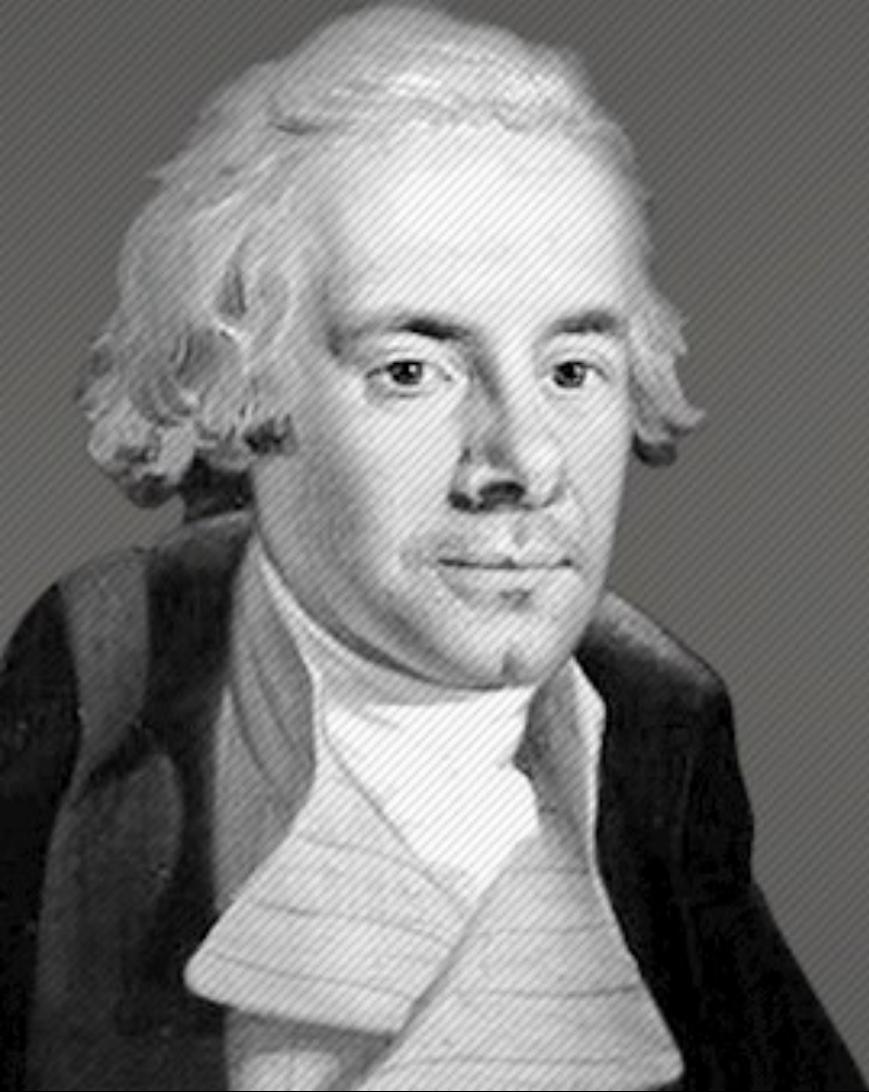
Ezekiel 31:6

6 All the birds of the heavens
made their nests in its boughs;
under its branches all the beasts of the field
gave birth to their young,
and under its shadow
lived all great nations.

Small Beginnings

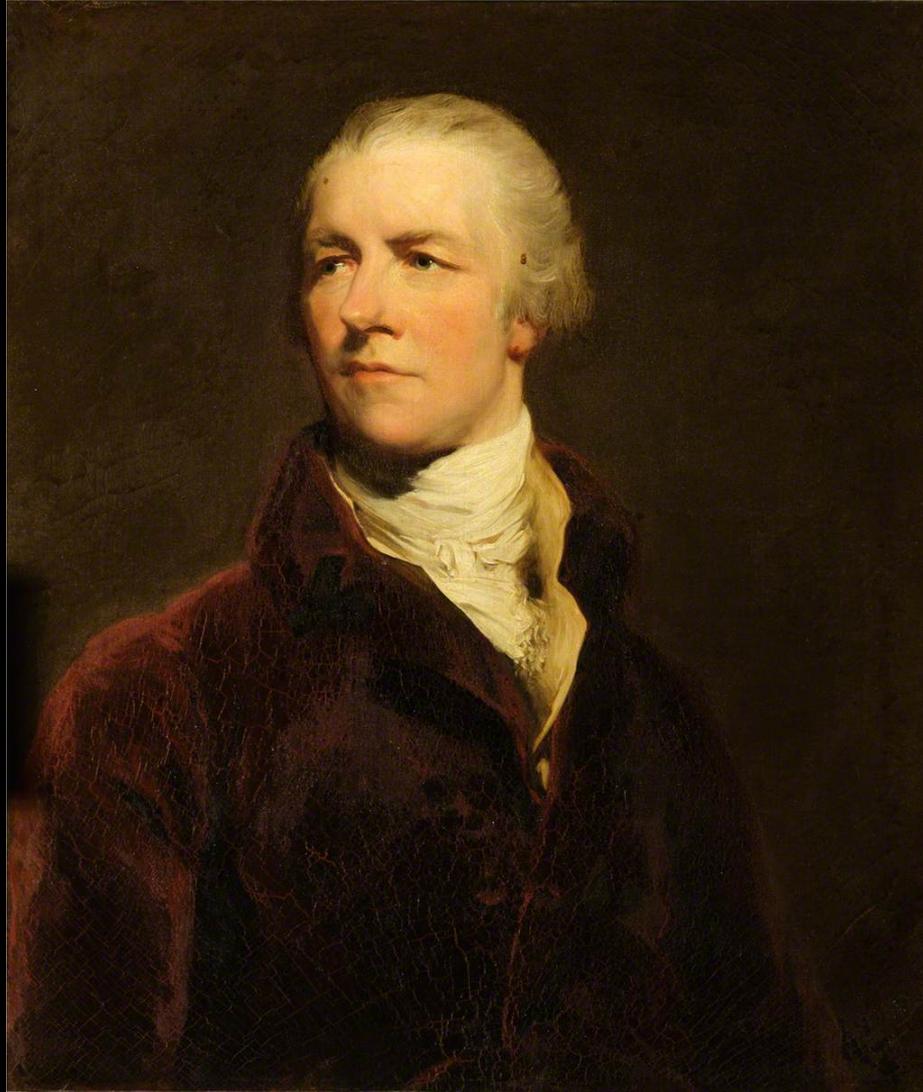
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1) An Idea



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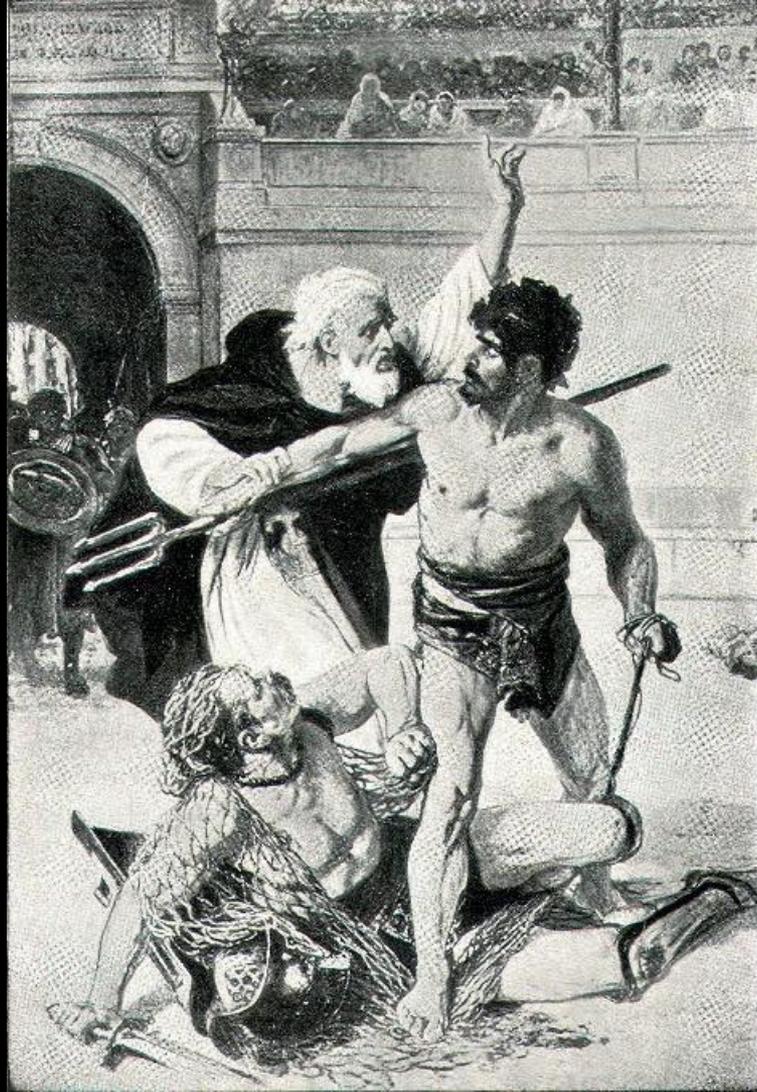


Small Beginnings

- 1) An Idea*
- 2) A witness*

Small Beginnings

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- 2) A witness*
- 3) A reformation*



Small Beginnings

Encouragement

*Small Beginnings
&
Transformation*

Matthew 13:31-33

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Transformation

1) For the Individual

Transformation

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- 2) For Women*

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- 1) For the Individual*
- 2) For Women*
- 3) For the Weak and the Ill*

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- 1) For the Individual*
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- 4) For the Elderly*

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- 2) For Women*
- 3) For the Weak and the Ill*
- 4) For the Elderly*
- 5) For Children*

Gospel Application

We need to share the good news

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Be transformed by Christ