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Parables for Now

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Books on Biblical themes especially on New Testament is of much use and demand of the age. Now, Edmund Flood, with his paramount experience in this field brings to light the dynamism of the New Testament parables. It has four chapters. In the first chapter, the author analyses "the Jesus' method" of preaching the good news. The second chapter contains five parables which highlight the real nature and work of the person of Jesus. The six parables reflected upon in the third chapter speak about some of the implications of following Jesus. The last chapter tells us what Jesus says about his teaching in parables.

The author has made use of a new methodology in developing the theme. For each parable he has given a reconstruction of the original text, then a commentary and a few reflections that may be of some help to those who wish to reflect more on these parables. The end notes so satisfy the thirst of a biblically enlightened reader.

Sometimes the reflections seem to be shallow or without much theological depth. In spite of this, the book provides ample material for a reader to reflect upon the message of the parables and its implications and relevance to the present day man.