

The image shows the spine of an old, thick book with many pages, bound in dark brown leather. The book is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its spine facing right. The pages are aged and yellowed, and the leather shows signs of wear and tear. The background is a dark, solid color, possibly black or dark brown, which makes the book and the text stand out.

# Matthew's Messiah

*The life and ministry of Jesus  
from Matthew's perspective*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

<sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things  
in parables, saying:

A farmer went out to sow his seed.

<sup>10</sup> The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

<sup>11</sup> He replied,

Because the knowledge of the  
secrets of the kingdom of heaven  
has been given to you,  
but not to them.

12 Whoever has will be given more,  
and they will have an abundance.  
Whoever does not have, even what  
they have will be taken from them.

13 This is why I speak to them  
in parables:

*Though seeing, they do not see;  
though hearing, they do not hear  
or understand.*

14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy  
of Isaiah:

*You will be ever hearing  
but never understanding;  
you will be ever seeing  
but never perceiving.*



15 *For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes.*

*Otherwise they might see with  
their eyes, hear with their ears,  
understand with their hearts  
and turn, and I would heal them.*

16 But blessed are your eyes because  
they see, and your ears  
because they hear.

17 For truly I tell you, many prophets  
and righteous people longed to  
see what you see but did not see it,  
and to hear what you hear  
but did not hear it.



A parable is a story  
that appeals to the **emotion**  
that calls for immediate **action.**