

Matthew's Gospel

Chapter 9b



שקמה

(shikmah)

Sycamore

Amos 7:14

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of **sycamore figs**.”



פרדס

(PaRDeS)

P'shat (פשוט) *"simple"* -literal, historical, geographical

Remez (רמז) *"hint"* -biblical connections / patterns

Darash (דרש) *"search"* -allegories / types / parables
-life applications

Sod (סוד) *"secret"* -gematria
-letter constructions
-mystical insights

Ezekiel 34:11-12

For thus says the Lord Adonai: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered ...

חסד

(chesed)

“steadfast love / loyalty”

Hosea 6:4-6

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your **chesed** is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth, and My judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire **chesed** and not sacrifice, **the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.**

Mark 2:19-20

And Yeshua said to them, “While the bridegroom is with them, the attendants of the bridegroom do not fast, do they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.”

John 3:29-30

The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease.

Luke 5:39

And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, “The old is good.”

Elisha the son of Avuyah would say: One who learns Torah in his childhood, what is this comparable to? To ink inscribed on fresh paper. One who learns Torah in his old age, what is this comparable to? To ink inscribed on erased paper.

Rabbi Yossei the son of Judah of Kfar HaBavli would say: One who learns Torah from youngsters, whom is he comparable to? To one who eats unripe grapes and drinks [unfermented] wine from the press. One who learns Torah from the old, whom is he comparable to? To one who eats ripened grapes and drinks aged wine...

✎ *Pirkei Avot 4.20*

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Yeshua.

Romans 12:1-3

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your logical [Temple] service. Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.