and miracles to be further taught, that brought them together to Him now. He spoke this parable sitting in a boat, and the multitude on the shore.

**14.] this life** belongs to all three substantives.

**15.]** It has been said, on Matthew, ver. 23, that all *receptivity* of the seed is from God—and all men have receptivity enough to make it matter of condemnation to them that they receive it not in earnest,  
and bring not forth fruit. But there is in  
this very receptivity a wide difference between men; some being false-hearted, hating the truth, deceiving themselves,—  
others being earnest and simple-minded,  
willing to be taught, and humble enough  
to receive ‘with meekness the engrafted  
word. It is of these that our Lord here  
speaks; of this kind was Nathanael, the  
Israelite indeed in whom was no guile,  
John i. 48: see also John xviii. 37, “Every   
one that is of the truth, heareth My voice,”  
and Trench on the Parables, in loc.

**in patience** — *consistently*, through the  
course of a life spent in duties, and amidst   
discouragements— *“he that endureth unto the*  
*the end*, *the same shall be be saved*,” Matt. xxiv. 13  
  
**16—18]** Mark iv. 21–25, where see notes.   
The sayings occur in several parts