

Series "Behold Your King"
"The Sower and the Seed"
Matthew 13:1-23
Part-64

Mark 4:13

This parable is recorded in Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-21

The keyword in this section is heard - is used 9 times in this section. "Hearing" means, "listening with spiritual understanding and receptivity."

Matthew 13:9

Outline

- 1. Verses – 1-9 The Most Important Parable:**
- 2. Verses – 10-17 Why Jesus Used Parables:**
- 3. Verses – 18-23 The Meaning Of The Parable:**

1. Verses – 1-9 The Most Important Parable:

Matthew 13:1-2

Mark 3:9

Mark 4:1

Parables - Is often defined as "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning."

The word "Parable"- is made up of two words Para – "alongside" Ballo – "to throw or cast" Parable – "To cast alongside."

Parables were used along side of teaching, to grab the listener's heart. Not an allegory with every detail having a meaning. Parables have one central thought.

Matthew 13:4-9

2. Verses – 10-17 Why Jesus Used Parables:

Matthew 13:10-11

Mark 4:34

John 8:31-32

Matthew 13:12-13

While seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. This is referred to as "One of the difficult statements of Jesus"

Matthew 13:14-15

Isaiah 6:9-10

3. Verses – 18-23 The Meaning Of The Parable:

The sower - Is Jesus Christ. Matthew. 13:37

1 Corinthians 3:9

Seed - Word of God (Always fruitful) Luke 8:11

Jesus Gives 4 Conditions of the soil, which are 4 conditions of the Heart:

1. Verse – 19 The Hard Heart:

2. Verses – 20-21 The Shallow Heart:

(Mind) Poor in spirit, that we are spiritually bankrupt.

(Heart) Emotions Mourn over our condition.

(Will) Surrender our wills to Christ.

3. Verse – 22 The Divided Heart:

Jesus gives 3 types of Weeds. (Need to be pulled out!)

1. The Weed of Worries: with worries (Literally "The distractions of this age.")
2. The Weed of Riches: and riches
3. The Weed of Pleasures: and pleasures of this life, literally "Desire concerning the remaining things."

Matthew. 6:24

4. Verse – 23 The Fruitful Heart:

1. We must hear it!
2. We must receive it!
3. We must put it into action!

Application:

1. The Hard Heart: Do you want to know Jesus? Do you want to grow in a relationship with Jesus?

Ezekiel 36:25-27

1. The Shallow Heart: Is my relationship with God merely an emotional experience?
2. The Divided Heart: What is keeping me from following and growing in my relationship with Jesus Christ?
3. The Fruitful Heart: Is my life taking on the likeness of God?

