

## **THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER, THE SEED, AND THE SOIL.**

### **MT. 13:1-23. PART 1**

- There are 7 parables in the chapter.
- 4 to everyone including the crowds, and 3 to the disciples alone.
- Parable means, "to cast alongside," a story or picture, a comparison that is put alongside something else to help make the message clear, understandable, and rememberable. To get the point across.
- Jesus called them the "mysteries" of the kingdom of heaven. (Vs. 11)
- The parable would give light and understanding to those who were truly seeking and hungering for truth and righteousness. (Mt. 5:6)
- While at the same time keep those in the dark were unconcerned, thus unconverted, proud who only had itching ears, the sensational seekers, those with no thought or need of repentance. The proud.
- These parables are the putting forth of the principals of the Kingdom. They teach about the Kingdom, the entrance into it, and the opposition and attitude towards it.
- Of these 7 parables 6 of them begin with a similar phrase, " the Kingdom of heaven is like, or like unto. All but this first one.
- The Kingdom of heaven is the sphere in which god's rule is acknowledged, exercised, enforced and carried out.
- Of all His parables, Jesus only explained 2 and both are in this chapter.
- The parable here, the sower, the seed, and the soil, and the next one the parable of the wheat and the tares.
- This parable should be called the parable of the soils for the difference in results was not the fault of the sower for he was the same for all, or the seed, for it was also the same, but the differences were in the soil.
- There is a couple of emphasis in the parable. 1) That of hearing, and 2) that of fruit bearing.
- 19X the word "hear" is used in this chapter.
- This parable is recorded in the 3 synoptic gospels, and all 3 closings are an admonition to "hear."
  - Mt:13:9, He who has ears to hear, let him hear!", MK. 4:9, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" LK. 8:8, He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"
- What is my attitude to the word, take notice to my heart, my follow through, my applying of the word my obedience to it.
- Growth, joy and blessedness is all about how we hear.
  - Mt. 13:12, Mk. 24 Take heed how you hear...

- Fruit is the sign of life, no fruit, no life. Mt. 7:16, Jn. 15:1-8, Gal.5:22, 23.
- Unless there is fruit in the life there is no saving faith in the heart.
- The sower was after all looking for fruit. Vs. 8, & 23. (12:33)
- We must take heed how we hear; it is the heart soil that determines the outcome and the fruit bearing.
- Is it possible to have all 4 soils at some time in my heart?
- It can be easy to apply what I have heard when I agree with it and love the subject, but not so easy if I find pain in what is said.
- This first parable of the 7 begins the parables of the Kingdom with the sowing of the seed. It is the beginnings of the Kingdom. It starts with preaching, just as we see in acts 2. spreading the word of truth.

### **CONCLUSION:**

- We must consider the importance of this parable for several reasons but first let's just observe that Jesus begins the great work of sowing.
- What a wonder, a sower went forth to sow. Are you a sower?
- How simple, how powerful. A sower went forth to sow. A preacher in the smallest village, a stammering evangel, a Sunday school teacher, a youth worker.
- This is the greatest privilege, enterprise, and adventure in the world.
- Are we sowing?

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### **WEEK TWO.**

- Even though Jesus was followed by great multitudes He was not impressed for He knew what was in man, (John 2:23-25) and that only a few would follow Him in the narrow way. (Mt. 7) Jesus was not impressed by popularity or numbers.