

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

MT. 13:1-23. PART 2

- There are 7 parables in the chapter.
- Parable means, "to cast alongside," a story or picture, a comparison.
- During this present dispensation the kingdom will be a mixture true and false, good and bad.
 - Wheat and tares, good and bad fish, true and false virgins, sheep and goats. (Ephesus. Rev. 2:4)
- 75% of the hear soils will not bare a crop.
- 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.
- 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. (THE HEART)
- 19X the word "hear" is used in this chapter.
- The sower was after all looking for fruit. Vs. 8, & 23. (12:33)
- Unless there is fruit in the life there is no saving faith in the heart.
- Is it possible to have all 4 soils at some time in my heart?
- A little background from chapter 12?

VS 10-16: WHY DO YOU SPEAK IN PARABLES?

- The result for those who truly heard the word of Jesus was repentance, soul healing and fruitfulness.
- Notice the words; "their hearts have grown dull and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed." (Vs 15)
- See **Acts 28:26- 27** .
- The depth of their blindness was an outworking of a divine principal which is built into all of life.
- Willing blindness is followed by judicial blindness, willing hardness is followed by judicial hardness. (Lk. 1:53)
- Because they did not have or want the love of the truth, they would not get the light of the truth.
- They deliberately refused to see, or hear so they heard but did not understand and the saw but did not perceive.
- Does this then lead to 2 Cor. 4 the god of this world has blinded...?

EXPLANATION:

- The Sower?
- The seed?
- The soil?
 - God works with the heart, God sees the heart.
 - These soils show the different conditions of men's hearts.
 - Then the life displays what is in the heart.
- The destructive forces?

THE SOILS:

- **Wayside:** Vs 4 & 19
 - That place where there is much traffic, it is a thoroughfare for much action and interruption.
 - The precious seed does not reach down into the soil, the man.
 - Too much traffic, he is a surface man, yet full of traffic.
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- **Stoney:** VS. 5, 6 & 20, 21
 - This heart is very excitable and emotional, but has not depth. No follow through.
 - This soil had a joy but it was shallow and not like the joy of the parable in **Mt. 13:44**
 - He has not let patience that comes through hardships have it perfect work.
 - The sun which is critical for growth here becomes a destroyer. (Persecution)
 - The seed/word cannot go into the inner man, he is hallow and hard in heart just below the surface.
 - No real commitment.
- **Thorny** Vs. 7 & 22
 - This soil/heart is conflicted and compromised.
 - In its soil there were still the seeds and roots of other things.
 - Cares of this world, deceitfulness of riches and Mark adds "the desires of other things entering in chokes it."
 - This heart is a heart that has not counted the cost. **Lk. 14:25-33.**
 - He knows not what Paul speaks of when he said in Ga. 6:14; But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by ^[a]whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
 - Mark adds "the desires for other things entering in chokes it."
 - Double minded: James 1:8 Double souled. Living two lives.

- The acid test to weather an amusement or entertainment is if it helps to fit me for better service, leads me closer to Jesus, it is then right.
- If on the other hand it drinks up my time and energies and usefulness, it is wrong. It is that it can rob me of the opportunity to do something much greater.
- **Good: Vs. 8 & 23**
 - Each time the good soil is mentioned it says it “yielded.” We must yield to yield a crop.
 - Consider the good soil of Matt/Levi, Nathaniel, and Zacchaeus.
 - Good heart is a noble heart. A hungry honest willing heart.
 - Paul called the gospel he preached “his gospel.” He had made it his by living it and obeying it. Good soil.
 - What great reward for the good soil. Yeilding 30-60-100 fold.

CONCLUSION:

- Remember believing is not necessarily “new birth.” Jn. 2:23-25, Jn. 8:31 and the devil believes and trembles but not saved. (James 2:19)
- In these pictures of the 3 nonproductive soils there is a hint to our 3 great adversaries. The devil blinding, the flesh not handling the heat, and the . world and it’s cares.
- What a wonder, a sower went for 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?
- 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.