

## Sermon on the Boat Matthew 13

### Unlocking the Mysteries of the Kingdom Part 1 Mystery of God's Word

The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ an open book to those enemies of Christ!

Jesus tells \_\_\_\_\_ parables in Matthew 13 to help us understand better how things work, spiritually!!!

## JESUS WAS THE MASTER TEACHER

>Method of His Teachings \_\_\_\_\_ *He told many stories in the **form of parables** (3)*  
parable same root as \_\_\_\_\_ An earthly story with a heavenly/spiritual meaning

>Secrets of His teaching <sup>11</sup> *He replied, **You are permitted to understand** the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not.* Matthew 13:11

>Goals of His teachings *When you hear what I say, you **will not** understand. When you see what I do, **you will not** comprehend. (vs. 14 from Isaiah 6:9-10)*

>He Wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ **Certain Things** *The Lord is good and does what is right; He shows the proper path to those who go astray. <sup>9</sup> **He leads the humble** in doing right, teaching them His way. <sup>10</sup> The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep His covenant and obey His demands.* Psalm 25:9-10

> He Wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ **Certain Things** <sup>11</sup> *He replied, You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. <sup>12</sup> To those who listen to My teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for **those who are not listening**, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. <sup>13</sup> That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand.* Matthew 13:11-13

*"Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. <sup>4</sup> As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, & the birds came & ate them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! <sup>9</sup> Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."*

Matthew 13:3-9

## Three Things to Understand

1. **The SEED** *The seed...represents ...the message about the Kingdom (vs. 18)*  
*...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abide forever.....* I Peter 1:23 [NKJV]

<sup>12</sup> *For the word of God is alive and powerful. [pulses with powerful life] Hebrews 4:12*  
*The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing.*  
*And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. John 6:63*

2. **The SOWER [farmer]** *Jesus replied, "The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed.*  
Matthew 13:24  
*As father has sent Me so send I You.* John 20:21

3. **The SOIL** *the seed that was planted in their hearts. (vs.19) **Be Careful of Predetermining Soil!***  
*<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*  
I Samuel 16:7

> **STONY HEART** **NO** \_\_\_\_\_ *<sup>4</sup> As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them.*  
Matthew 13:4  
*today if you will hear God's voice harden not your heart ....* Hebrews 3:15

> **SHALLOW HEART** **NO** \_\_\_\_\_ *Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died.* Matthew 13:5-6

> **SUPERBUSY HEART** **NO** \_\_\_\_\_ *<sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants.* Matthew 13:7

> **SINCERE HEART** **NO** \_\_\_\_\_ *Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!* Matthew 13:8

The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22ff  
The Gospel NEVER fails! It's the soil that fails!

**Answers:**

Not, 7, Parallel, Reveal, Conceal,  
Reception, Root, Room, Refusal

