

Sermon on the Boat Matthew 13

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

The Bible is **NOT** an open book to those enemies of Christ!

Jesus tells **7** 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 **PARALLEL** An earthly story with a heavenly/spiritual meaning

>Secrets of His teaching *¹¹ 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 **Reveal** Certain Things *The Lord is good and does what is right; He shows the proper path to those who go astray. ⁹ **He leads the humble** in doing right, teaching them His way. ¹⁰ The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep His covenant and obey His demands. Psalm 25:9-10*

> He Wanted to **Conceal** Certain Things *¹¹ He replied, You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ⁴ As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, & the birds came & ate them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. ⁸ 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! ⁹ 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]
¹² 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!***

⁷ 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 RECEPTION** *⁴ 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 ROOT** *Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶ 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 ROOM** *⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Matthew 13:7*

> **SINCERE HEART** **NO REFUSAL** *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!