



The Gospel of Matthew

Bible Study – Examination, Exposition, and Application

Chapter 13:1-52 – Parables about the Kingdom of God

Chapter 13 – Bigger Than We Expected

➤ **Parables about the Kingdom of God**

- v. 1 – That same day...by the Sea of Galilee (Tiberias)
 - Large crowd (throng) – taught from a boat
- v. 2-3a – Parables: short stories from everyday life told to convey a spiritual or moral imperative
 - V. 10-17 – Reasons for Teaching in Parables
 - Quotes Isaiah 6:9-10 (Called and Commissioned to Preach)
 - Vivid, memorable images with personal implications
 - Convey truth without offending contentious listeners
 - V. 34-35 – Fulfill Prophecy, Asaph (2 Chr. 29:30, Ps. 78)

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➤ v. 3b-9, 18-23 – Parable of the Sower

- Sower = God
- Seed = faith
- Places Where God “sows” (scatters seed)
 - The Path – birds = Evil One snatches
 - Rocky ground – not root (depth) = troubles / persecution
 - Thorns – choked it = cares of this world / wealth
 - Good Soil – reproduced (100x, 60x, 30x)
- Let anyone with ears listen! (spiritual receptors)



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▶ v. 24-30, 36-43 – Parable of the Weeds in Wheat

- ▶ Someone (Gk. *Anthropo*) – sowed good seed
 - ▶ Everyone sleeping – an enemy sowed tares
- ▶ Plants bore grain – weeds appeared
 - ▶ Slaves blame Landowner and asked to tear out tares
 - ▶ Unintentional Harm –
 - ▶ God's Ultimate Justice - God allows good and evil to co-exist until the end of human history (to be burned and barned)
 - ▶ Daniel 12:3



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➤ v. 31-32 – Parable of the Mustard Seed

- Someone sowed mustard seed (smallest)
 - Grew into the greatest of shrubs
 - Birds of the air come and nest (Gk. *Ethnos*)

➤ v. 33 – Parable of the Yeast

- A woman mixed yeast into flour to leaven

➤ v. 44-46 – Private Parable of the Hidden Treasurer

- Purchase a field without considering the cost (yield)
- Purchase a precious item considering the return



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➤ **v. 47-50 – Parable of the Dragnet**

- Someone netting fish (good and bad)
- Eschatological Judgment

➤ **v. 51-53 – Questions of Clarification**

- Scribes of the Kingdom – new and old revelations
- When Jesus had finished (end of section)

➤ **v. 53-58 – Negative Reactions to Jesus' Teachings**

- Rejection at the Synagogue of Nazareth; no deeds