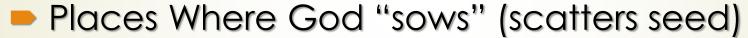
The Gospel of Matthew

Bible Study – Examination, Exposition, and Application Chapter 13:1-52 – Parables about the Kingdom of God

- 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)

- Parables about the Kingdom of God
 - v. 3b-9, 18-23 Parable of the Sower
 - Sower = God
 - Seed = faith



- The Path birds = Evil One snatches
- Rocky ground not root (depth) = troubles / persecution
- Thorns chocked 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