

**“WE BELIEVE”**

**“NOURISHED ON THE WORDS OF FAITH AND SOUND DOCTRINE”**

**PART 1: INTRODUCTION**

**“SOIL TEST”**

*“Assessing Our Fertility”*

*(Matthew 13:1-23; Parallels: Mark 4:3-25; Luke 8:5-18)*

**INTRODUCTION:**

**WE BELIEVE...**

**1A. AN \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE PARABLES ON THE KINGDOM (MATT. 13:1-3A)**

*“And He spoke many things to them in parables,...”*

—Matthew 13:3a

- \_\_\_\_\_ Parables?

**2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ PARABLE ON THE KINGDOM (MATT. 13:3B-9)**

*“Behold, the sower went out to sow...”*

—Matthew 13:3a

**3A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE PARABLES ON THE KINGDOM (MATT. 13:10-17)**

*And the disciples came and said..., “Why do You speak to them in parables?”*

—Matthew 13:10

- \_\_\_\_\_ Parables?

1B. To further \_\_\_\_\_ truth to those who had \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God – the King and His Message. (v. 11a, 12a, 16)

*“To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,...”*

—Matthew 13:11a

2B. To further \_\_\_\_\_ truth to those who had \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God – the King and His Message. (v. 11b, 12b-15)

“...but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled...”

—Matthew 13:12b-14a

1C. Their \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

2C. Their \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

3C. Their \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE PARABLE ON THE KINGDOM (MATT. 13:18-23)

1B. Along the \_\_\_\_\_: No \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4 = v. 19)

2B. On the \_\_\_\_\_: No \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5, 6 = v. 20, 21)

3B. In the \_\_\_\_\_: No \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7 = v. 22)

4B. In the \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8 = v. 23)

“And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”

#### SUMMATION AND EXHORTATION:

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”

—John 15:8

1. Good Soil is... \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Good Soil is... \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.