

THE TRUTHS OF THE KINGDOM

PART 2: PARABLE OF THE SOILS (Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23)

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WHAT IS THIS PARABLE ABOUT?

- HOW THE KINGDOM GETS ITS CITIZENS AND WHO THEY WILL BE.

WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS?

³ "...he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed.'" Matthew 13:3 (NIV)

- THE SEED

- THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS.

¹⁴ "...Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The... kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:14-15 (ESV)

- THE FARMER/SOWER

⁴ "As he was scattering the seed..." Matthew 13:4 (NIV)

- ANYONE WHO SHARES THE GOOD NEWS.

HOW DOES THE KINGDOM GET ITS CITIZENS?*

THROUGH THE FRUITFUL EFFORTS OF GOSPEL-SHARING PEOPLE.

- THE FOUR KINDS OF SOIL

⁴ "As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path,* and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ "Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil.* It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." Matthew 13:4-8 (NIV)

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means..." Matthew 13:18 (NIV)

- THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS.

¹⁹ "When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path." Matthew 13:19 (NIV)

- THE PATH – HARD, UNBELIVING HEARTS.

- CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM? NO.

²⁰ “The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.” Matthew 13:20-21 (NIV)

▪ **ROCKY PLACES – FICKLE, INCONSISTENT HEARTS**

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- **CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM? NO.**

²² “The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth* choke the word, making it unfruitful.”

Matthew 13:22 (NIV)

▪ **THORNY GROUND – DISTRACTED, UNFRUITFUL HEARTS**

- **CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM? MAYBE.**

²³ “But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Matthew 13:23 (NIV)

▪ **GOOD SOIL – ENDURING, FRUITFUL HEARTS**

²² “...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control...”

Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

- **CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM? YES!**

WHO ARE THE KINGDOM’S CITIZENS?*

BELIEVING AND FRUITFUL PEOPLE

BOTTOM LINE:

DON’T ASSUME YOU’RE GOOD SOIL... LOOK FOR FRUITFULNESS.

⁹ “Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

Matthew 13:9 (NIV)

NEXT STEPS

- **HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!**
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