

Preaching for
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AM

God, A Self-portrait: A Study of the Parables #4
"Uncomfortable Truths"

Text: Matthew 13:1-23

Big Idea: *The parable of the soils demands that each individual who hears the Gospel carefully examination his or her heart.*

- I. Mere exposure to the truth of the Gospel is insufficient for salvation. (13:1-4; 19)*
- II. Enthusiasm for the truth of the Gospel is no assurance of genuine life. (13:5-6; 20-21)*
- III. Passing interest in the Gospel profits nothing. (13:7; 22)*
- IV. Only the heart that is genuinely receptive to the truth of the Gospel can know salvation. (13:8-9; 23)*