# Matthew 13:24-43 "Parables: Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven – Corruption"

#### Last Week's Memory Verse Matthew 13:12

"For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

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#### **Parables**

literally refers to things that are thrown next to one another or compared. It is a series of metaphors designed to convey a single point.

#### **Matthew 13 Sections**

- 1. Jesus explains the need for parables
- 2. Seven parables
- 3. Instructions to the faithful

#### **Matthew 13 Parable Themes**

- Reaction to the Gospel
   (The Sower, The Wheat and Tares)
- 2. The coming corruption in the kingdom of heaven.

(Mustard seed, Leaven)

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- 3. The Extent of God's Love (Hidden Treasure, Pearl of Great Price)
- 4. The state of the world (Dragnet)

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## 24-30 "It Looked Like the Right Stuff"

### 31-32 "Unnatural Growth"





"The language suggests that Jesus was thinking of the Old Testament use of the tree as an image for a great empire (see especially Ezekiel 17:23; 31:3-9; Daniel 4:10-12)."

- R.T. France

To God quality is vastly important and size matters little. When set in opposition to size, quality is everything and size nothing... The Christian faith reverses this order, but even Christians tend to judge things by the old Adamic rule. How big? How much? and How many? are the questions oftenest asked by religious persons when trying to evaluate Christian things. ...

- A.W. Tozer

### 33 "Ungodly Influences"

## 34-35 "Fulfillment of Prophecy"

## 36-43 "Jesus Explains the Wheat and Tares"

#### Taking it Home

#### **Memory Verse**

**Matthew 13:43** 

"Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"