

*Kingdom Sight & Sound*

*Matthew 13*





## Matthew 13:

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" 11 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. 12 "For whoever has, to him *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. 13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables;



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because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 "In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE; 15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED



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THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.' 16 "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.17 "For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.18 "Hear then the parable of the sower.



# The Authority of God

- Violent overthrow of self changes us!
- Jesus speaks in parables of the Kingdom
- Because they rejected Him...
- To you, granted, given, delivered truth!



# Mysteries?

- . Only to those who will not see truth!
- . 'little' is removed... cannot vs. will not...
- . Isaiah, of another generation Isa 6:9-10
  - . Same character of rejection of King
  - . "Dull...ears scarcely hear...closed eyes..."



# Blessed

- *Eyes see, ears hear! (16)*
- *Many prophets/righteous desired this*
  - *Revelation of King and Kingdom*
  - *Rule and reign of Christ and Holy Spirit*
  - *And the parable?*





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3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow; 4 and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.

5 "And others fell upon the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. 6 "But when the sun had risen, they were





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scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 "And others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. 8 "And others fell on the good soil, and \*yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. 9 "He who has ears, let him hear."



# Soils and Harvest

- That was all the multitude got:
- Road, rock, thorns, not good!
- Birds; rock; thorns = nothing!
- "good soil" \*yielded a crop 100/60/30





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18 "Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil [one] comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. 20 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no [firm] root in himself, but is [only] temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately





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he falls away.<sup>22</sup> "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.<sup>23</sup> "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."



# Word of the Kingdom

- *logos* - same for Jesus Himself
- 'the evil one'; no root; worry & wealth
- Hears, not deaf!!! attend, perceive
- Understands "puts it together"