

Session 10: The Opposition of the Scribes and Pharisees—Jesus Teaches with Parables (Part 1)

Matthew 12:22-13:53; Mark 3:20-4:35; Luke 8:1-21

The Second Tour of Galilee (Luke 8:1-3)

1 And it happened that soon afterward He was going around from one city and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him,

2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s manager, and Susanna, and many others who were ministering to them from their possessions.

Accusation of Being in League with Beelzebub

Matthew 12:22-37	Mark 3:20-30
<p><i>22 Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw.</i></p> <p><i>23 And all the crowds were astounded, and were saying, “Can this man really be the Son of David?”</i></p> <p><i>24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “This man does not cast out demons except by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.”</i></p> <p><i>25 And knowing their thoughts He said to them, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand.</i></p> <p><i>26 “And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?</i></p> <p><i>27 “And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges.</i></p> <p><i>28 “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.</i></p>	<p><i>20 And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat a meal.</i></p> <p><i>21 And when His own people heard this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, “He has lost His senses.”</i></p> <p><i>22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.”</i></p> <p><i>23 And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?</i></p> <p><i>24 “And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.</i></p> <p><i>25 “And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.</i></p>

29 *"Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.*

30 *"He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.*

31 *"Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.*

32 *"And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.*

33 *"Either make the tree good and its fruit good or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.*

34 *"You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.*

35 *"The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil.*

36 *"But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.*

37 *"For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."*

26 *"And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished!*

27 *"But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.*

28 *"Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter;*

29 *but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin"—*

30 *because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit.*

Scribes and Pharisees Demand a Sign (Matthew 12:38-45)

38 *Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered and said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."*

39 *But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation eagerly seeks for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; 40 for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

41 *"The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.*

42 *"The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.*

43 *"Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it.*

44 *"Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order.*

45 *"Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation."*

Jesus' Family Seek to Take Jesus Home

Matthew 12:46-50	Mark 3:31-35	Luke 8:19-21
<p>46 <i>While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.</i></p> <p>47 <i>Now someone said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You."</i></p> <p>48 <i>But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?"</i></p> <p>49 <i>And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers!</i></p> <p>50 <i>"For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."</i></p>	<p>31 <i>Then His mother and His brothers arrived, and standing outside they sent word to Him, calling Him.</i></p> <p>32 <i>And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside looking for You."</i></p> <p>33 <i>And answering them, He said, "Who are My mother and My brothers?"</i></p> <p>34 <i>And looking about at those who were sitting around Him, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers!</i></p> <p>35 <i>"For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother."</i></p>	<p>19 <i>And His mother and brothers came to Him, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd.</i></p> <p>20 <i>And it was reported to Him, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You."</i></p> <p>21 <i>But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."</i></p>

The First Great Group of Parables

Matthew 13:1-53	Mark 4:1-34	Luke 8:4-18
<p>1 On that day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea.</p> <p>2 And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.</p> <p>3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow;</p> <p>4 and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.</p> <p>5 "And others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.</p> <p>6 "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.</p> <p>7 "And others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.</p> <p>8 "And others fell on the good soil and were yielding a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.</p> <p>9 "He who has ears, let him hear."</p> <p>10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"</p>	<p>1 And He began to teach again by the sea. And such a very large crowd gathered to Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and the whole crowd was by the sea on the land.</p> <p>2 And He was teaching them many things in parables, and was saying to them in His teaching,</p> <p>3 "Listen to this! Behold, the sower went out to sow;</p> <p>4 and it happened that as he was sowing, some seed fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up.</p> <p>5 "And other seed fell on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil.</p> <p>6 "And after the sun rose, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.</p> <p>7 "And other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.</p>	<p>4 Now when a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable:</p> <p>5 "The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.</p> <p>6 "And other seed fell on rock and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.</p> <p>7 "And other seed fell among the thorns, and when the thorns grew up with it, they choked it out.</p> <p>8 "And other seed fell into the good soil; and growing up, it produced a crop one hundred times as great." As He said these things, He would call out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."</p> <p>9 And His disciples began questioning</p>

<p>11 And Jesus answered and said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>13 "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.</p> <p>14 "And in them 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;</p> <p>15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, LEST THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.'</p> <p>16 "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>8 "And other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they were yielding a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."</p> <p>9 And He was saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."</p> <p>10 And when He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, began asking Him about the parables.</p> <p>11 And He was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to those who are outside, everything comes in parables,</p> <p>12 so that WHILE SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE, AND WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND, LEST THEY RETURN AND BE FORGIVEN."</p> <p>13 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables?</p> <p>14 "The sower sows the word.</p> <p>15 "And these are the ones who are beside the road where the word is</p>	<p>Him as to what this parable meant.</p> <p>10 And He said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.</p> <p>11 Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.</p> <p>12 "And those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.</p> <p>13 "And those on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, and these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.</p> <p>14 "And the seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and</p>
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<p><i>hear what you hear, and did not hear it.</i></p> <p><i>18 "Hear then the parable of the sower.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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;</i></p> <p><i>21 yet he has no root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.</i></p> <p><i>22 "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.</i></p> <p><i>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."</i></p> <p><i>24 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.</i></p>	<p><i>sown: when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.</i></p> <p><i>16 "And in a similar way, these are the ones being sown on the rocky places: those who, when hearing the word, immediately receive it with joy;</i></p> <p><i>17 and they have no root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.</i></p> <p><i>18 "And others are those being sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word,</i></p> <p><i>19 but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for anything else enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.</i></p> <p><i>20 "And those are the ones which were sown on the good soil: they who hear the word and accept it and are bearing fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."</i></p>	<p><i>pleasures of life, and do not bear ripe fruit.</i></p> <p><i>15 "But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.</i></p> <p><i>16 "Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it with a container or puts it under a bed, but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light.</i></p> <p><i>17 "For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light.</i></p> <p><i>18 "So beware how you listen, for whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him."</i></p>
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<p>25 <i>“But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.</i></p> <p>26 <i>“But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.</i></p> <p>27 <i>“The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’</i></p> <p>28 <i>“And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this!’ The slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?’</i></p> <p>29 <i>“But he said, ‘No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.</i></p> <p>30 <i>‘Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”</i></p> <p>31 <i>He presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field;</i></p> <p>32 <i>and his is the smallest of all seeds, but when it is fully grown, it is the largest of the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR come and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES.”</i></p>	<p>21 <i>And He was saying to them, “Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be put on the lampstand? 22 “For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has anything been secret, but that it would come to light.</i></p> <p>23 <i>“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”</i></p> <p>24 <i>And He was saying to them, “Beware what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you, and more will be given to you.</i></p> <p>25 <i>“For whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.”</i></p> <p>26 <i>And He was saying, “The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil;</i></p> <p>27 <i>and he sleeps and rises, night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know.</i></p> <p>28 <i>“The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head.”</i></p>	
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<p>33 He spoke another parable to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three sata of flour until it was all leavened."</p> <p>34 All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and He was not speaking to them without a parable</p> <p>35 so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES; I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."</p> <p>36 Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."</p> <p>37 And He answered and said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,</p> <p>38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;</p> <p>39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.</p> <p>40 "So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.</p> <p>41 "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all</p>	<p>29 "But when the grain is ripe, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."</p> <p>30 And He was saying, "How shall we compare the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it?"</p> <p>31 "It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smallest of all the seeds that are upon the soil,</p> <p>32 yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes largest of all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR can NEST UNDER ITS SHADE."</p> <p>33 And with many such parables He was speaking the word to them, as they were able to hear it;</p> <p>34 and He was not speaking to them without a parable; but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.</p>	
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<p><i>stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, 42 and will throw them into the fiery furnace; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.</i></p> <p><i>43 "Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.</i></p> <p><i>44 "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.</i></p> <p><i>45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls,</i></p> <p><i>46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.</i></p> <p><i>47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea and gathering fish of every kind;</i></p> <p><i>48 and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away.</i></p> <p><i>49 "So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous,</i></p> <p><i>50 and will throw them into the fiery furnace; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.</i></p>		
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<p>51 <i>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.”</i></p> <p>52 <i>And He said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”</i></p> <p>53 <i>Now it happened that when Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there.</i></p>		
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Memory Verse:

31 *“Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. 32* *“And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.*

Matthew 12:31-32

Discussion Questions

1. What is the condition of your heart? Do you toil the soil of your heart each day in order for God to be able to plant His Word in you and it grow good fruit?
2. Do you obey the Holy Spirit when He asks you to do things? Do you grieve the Holy Spirit?
3. Have you surrendered to Jesus after being given the gift of faith? Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit occurs when we reject Jesus after being given faith to believe.
4. Do you truly see Everyday as Family? What would you have to do differently for others to believe that we really were your family?