

MATTHEW 13; August 2; Parable of the Sower & Others

ANALYSIS:

1. In the parable of the sower, into what four places does the seed fall?

2. What one thing marks the difference in response to hearing the word of the kingdom? _____

3. What was Jesus' answer to the disciples who asked, "Why speakest thou unto them in parables?" _____

4. What did Jesus say many prophets and righteous men desired to see?

5. Which two parables have angels at the harvest and the end of the world separating the false and wicked from the true and just?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

When Jesus taught in his home synagogue, He astonished the people who knew Him as the son of the carpenter and Mary. They knew the family names well. They questioned how Jesus had such wisdom and could do the mighty works. "They were offended in Him" (v 57). Why? Was it because He was perfectly righteous in all His words and deeds, and they were not? Was it because Jesus did not dumb down His teaching so the unregenerate might feel comfortable with spiritual truth which was intended only for His elect?

May we seek to live a Spirit-filled life, daily before others, in words and deeds that will glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. And if we stumble and fall, may we admit/confess our sins, trust for cleansing, and renew our devotion to our Lord, like David did (Ps 51).

HELP:

1. The way side, stony places, among thorns, good ground (vs 4-8).

2. The bearing of fruit (vs 8, 23).

3. Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given (v 11).

4. The things the disciples heard Jesus do and speak (vs 14-17).

5. Parable of the tares (vs 30, 41-43); parable of the net (vs 49-50).