

MATTHEW 13:

vs. 1-23:

On the Sea of Galilee, Jesus tells the people on the shore the Parable of the Sower. The four types of soil are: pathway, stony, thorny and good. When the seed falls on each it is: eaten by birds, withers, is choked or produces abundantly.

Jesus tells His disciples that by speaking in parables, those desiring to learn of God can, and those who don't won't. Those unwilling to learn, will hear but will never understand. Those to understand, then they too, could find salvation. If they were were blessed by God, for they were allowed to understand.

The parable of the sower had a meaning. The seed is Gods' word. The different soils are mans different responses to the Word. The path is like: one who hears but doesn't care and the Word is taken away. The stony is like: one who hears but fails to perseveres and dies. The thorny is like: one who hears but gives up when problems arise. The good is like: one who hears and allows God to work in Him.

vs. 24-30:

Jesus told a parable about a man who sowed his field but had an enemy sow it with bad seed also. When it was found out (both good and bad had grown up), he was asked if they were to take out the weeds. He allowed them to co-exist until the harvest, when the bad would be destroyed and the good would be saved.

vs. 31-35:

The parable of the mustard seed demonstrates how the Kingdom appeared insignificant at first, but will grow so enormous, that people from all over will come to find the safety and comfort it provides.

The parable of the yeast demonstrates how the Kingdom will spread throughout all the world.

These parables and others, fulfilled Psalm 78:2.

vs. 36-43:

Going into the house, the disciple ask about the parable of the weds in the field. The man with the field: Jesus. Good seed: Christians. Bad Seed: non-Christians. Harvest: Judgement. Christians go to heaven and non-Christians condemned to Hell.

vs. 44-46:

Jesus told 2 parables about a treasure in a field and a pearl. In the first, the man finds it and recognizes its' value and obtains it. In the second, the man searches for it and is willing to give up everything to have a part in the Kingdom.

vs. 47-52:

The parable of the net shows how man will be separated in the judgement. The Christians (good fish) will belong to God and the rest will be banished to Hell where they will suffer eternally.

Those who know not only of Gods' Word in the Old Testament but also about the kingdom of Christ, will glory in both.

vs. 53-58:

Jesus returned to Nazareth and found that the people would not accept Him, because they didn't feel that He could be Gods' messenger. Because of their unbelief, they failed to benefit from the miracles that Jesus could have performed, but didn't because of their rejection of Him.



STUDY GUIDE

MATTHEW 13:

1. Why did Jesus get into a boat?
2. What were the 4 places that the seed fell?
3. What would Jesus do if the people would see, hear and understand?
4. Who longed to see and hear, what the disciples had?
5. What are each of the soils like?
6. What would be done at the harvest?
7. What does the smallest of seeds, become?
8. What is the harvest?
9. What did the merchant do, to gain the pearl?
10. What will the angels do with the wicked?
11. List Jesus' half-brothers.
12. Why did Jesus not do many miracles?

BONUS:

1. What do these parables teach about the Kingdom?
2. What should our response be to the Kingdom?
3. Are there things that Jesus does not do today, because of our lack of faith? Explain.