

BIBLE REFERENCES: *Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-25, Luke 8:4-15*

'There Can Be No Gathering Without A Sowing'

INTRODUCTION In this parable we see:

The Seaside Gathering	<i>Matthew 13:1-2</i>
The Spoken Parables	<i>Matthew 13:3^a</i>
The Sower	<i>Matthew 13:3^b</i>
The Seed	<i>Matthew 13:4^a</i>
The Soil	<i>Matthew 13:4^b-9</i>

I. The Responsibility of the Labourers *Matthew 13:3-9*

Preach	<i>Romans 10:14-17</i>
Blow	<i>Ezekiel 33:6, 9</i>
Prepare	<i>Isaiah 28:24-26</i>
Plant	<i>1 Corinthians 3:6, 2 Corinthians 9:6</i>
Persist	<i>2 Timothy 4:2-5</i>

II. The Request of the Disciples *Matthew 13:10*

III. The Response of the Lord *Matthew 13:11-17*

A. The Nation of Israel

— Blighted (*v:11^b, 12^b*), Blinded (*v:13-14*) and Belligerent (*v:15*)

B. The Believing Bond of Disciples

— Blessed (*v:16-17*)

IV. The Reaction of the Listeners *Matthew 13:18-23*

A. The Hardened, Hell-bound Hearers *Matthew 13:19*

Romans 10:16-17, Psalm 9:17, 1 Corinthians 4:3-6

B. The Harassed and Haggard Hearers *Matthew 13:20-21*

John 6:66, 1 John 2:19, Hebrews 6:4-6

C. The Hindered and Hampered Hearers *Matthew 13:22*

John 15:1-5, 8, 16 Titus 2:7, 14 Titus 3:8, James 2:14-20, Psalm 126:5-6