

"Jesus Teaches in Parables- Heart Science"

Matthew 13:1-23

I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ

- A. The Commission from Jesus to Israel
- B. The Challenge of Jesus to the Nation
- C. The Rebuke to the Cities of Galilee
- D. The Love of Forgiveness
- E. The Rejection by the Nation
- F. Jesus Teaches in Parables

1. The Setting of the Parable... (1-3a; 10-17)

- a. On the _____, Jesus went out of the house to the _____(v 1)
- b. _____ gathered around Jesus so He began to _____ from a boat in the _____ (v 2-3a)
- c. Jesus began to teach via _____ (v 3)
- d. This first parable He gives is the _____ parable. (Mark 4:13)
- e. The _____ of this particular parable is, in part, to explain the _____ of Jesus
- f. The main objective is to declare that one's _____ condition to the _____ determines the _____ it will have on their life.

* What is a parable?

* Parable = 'to place alongside of'. The Greek word literally means a throwing or placing things along side of each other, for the purpose of _____.

* So why does Jesus now begin to teach parables?

* Jesus makes a distinction between the _____ and the _____.

* What were the saved disciples privileged to be given?

* The issue Jesus makes in the teaching of parables is _____.

* What were the purposes of the parables?

1. To _____ truth to the saved and soft hearted
2. To _____ truth to the unbelieving and hard hearted
3. To _____ regarding the nation's rejection of Christ

2. The Teaching of the Parable (3-9; 18-23)

- a. The parable begins with a command to _____ (v 3)
 - b. The _____ sows _____
 - c. The _____ is the _____
 - d. Specifically, the Word of God refers to the _____ or message of _____
 - e. There are _____ kinds of soils mentioned in this parable
 - f. The soils represent different _____ to God's Word
 - g. Soil (Heart) #1
 - * This heart is compared to that of a _____, it is _____
 - * What is true about a hard heart?
 - * Who has his hand in this response?
 - h. Soil (Heart) #2
 - * This heart is compared to that which is on top of _____, It is _____
 - * How does this heart receive God's Word?
 - * What happens to this kind of believer?
 - i. Soul (Heart) #3
 - * This soil (heart) is compared to that which is loaded with _____, It is _____
 - * What kind of damage do the weeds do in our lives?
 - j. Soil (Heart) #4
 - * This soil (heart) is compared to that which is _____, It is _____
 - * What characterizes this believer's heart?
 - * What is hindering you from having heart #4?
- * What does this mean to you?