

The Parable Of The Sower

Matthew 13:1-23

Intro:

- A. **Jesus spoke to His disciples in parables.**
 - 1. Much of what He taught was in this literary style.
 - 2. He spoke to conceal and to reveal.
 - 3. Parables concealed the truth from His enemies and revealed the truth to His followers.
 - 4. His enemies would have used the information to have Him slain.
- B. **The parable was a popular way of teaching.**
 - 1. It takes one from the known to the unknown.
 - 2. Everyday common things are used.
 - 3. parable = παραβολη = "a placing beside"

I. The Parable Spoken.

- A. **The setting.**
 - 1. Multitudes gathered to hear Him. **Vs.1-2**
 - 2. He was at the Sea of Tiberias.
 - 3. He taught them from a ship.
- B. **The parable spoken.**
 - 1. **v.3** - "He spoke many things unto them in parables..."
 - 2. **vs.3-8**
 - 3. "who hath ears to hear, let him hear." **v.9**

II. The Reason For Speaking In Parables.

- A. **The disciples ask Him.**
 - 1. "Why speakest thou unto them in parables?"
v.10
 - 2. Jesus answers their question.
- B. **The reason given by Jesus.**
 - 1. The disciples may understand.
 - 2. given = δίδωμι = "to supply", "to present," "commit"
 - 3. know = γινωσκω = "to obtain insight into."
 - 4. "...but to them it is not given."

C. **The principle of obtaining spiritual knowledge.**

V.12

1. "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given..."
2. "...and he shall have more abundance."
3. abundance = περισσους = "to remain over and above," "more than enough"
4. "...but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath."
5. **V.13**
6. understand = συνιμι = "to bring together," "to collect together the single features of an object into a whole;" "to be earnestly occupied with the object." "lay to heart."

III. The Fulfillment Of Prophecy.

A. **The prophecy of Isaiah. V.14** Isaiah 6:9-10

1. understand = (see II,C,6)
2. perceive = ειδον = "the actual perception"

B. **The heart of the people. V.15**

1. waxed gross = παχυνω = "to make fat"
2. dull of hearing = βαρως = "heavily" + ακουω = "to hear" = "heavily they heard"
3. converted = επιστρεφω = "to turn one's self unto"

IV. The Disciples Are Blessed.

A. **The blessing. V.16**

1. Their eyes see.
2. Their ears hear.

B. **What do they see and hear? V.17**

1. desired = επιθυμω = "to fix the desire upon" "to long for."
2. They desired to see and to hear all that Jesus had seen and done.

V. We Cannot Force People To See Or Hear.

A. **The principle of hearing.**

1. Mark 4:24-25
2. "Take heed what ye hear..."

B. **"So is the kingdom of God..." v.26**

1. We must do what God says.
2. We knoweth not how God does it.

C. **God knows what He is doing.**

1. v.28
2. v.29

D. **We must not put jelly on the bread of life.**

1. Don't make Jesus something He isn't.
2. Only the Christ of the Bible can save.

