

ENGAGE THE WORD
SERIES

**“The Kingdom of Heaven
Until He Comes Again”**

Matthew 13

Text. 13: 10 -13

Why Did Jesus Speak in Parables?

- **Parables are earthly stories with heavenly meaning.**
- **Parable/Stories draw people in, pique their interest.**
- **Parables reveal the truth to those who want the truth and obscure the truth from those who do not desire the truth.**

Kingdom of Heaven Parables Matt.13

- **Common word pictures over the 8 parables:**
- **Sower, seed, birds, soil, sun, thorns, fruit, enemy, reaper/servants, harvest, tree, yeast, meal, woman, treasure, man, merchant, pearl, net, seashore, fish, homeowner.**
- **Defining the word pictures: 13:37 – 39**
- **Yeast in scripture always used as evil; birds here are used as evil as well. 13:4;32,33**
- **The Weed and Net Parables speak of the end of the age. 13:30,40-43; 45-49**

The Parable of the Sower 13: 3 - 9

- The seed is not just the gospel, it is also the sons of the Kingdom - us! 38
- The response to the soil is about our hearts as part of the seed. 18-23
- The Parable of the Weeds 24 – 30
- The enemy sows bearded darnel among the wheat.
- His method is imitation of a kingdom heart.
- The Master will sort them out in the end.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed 31-32

- The mustard tree is an aberration. It picture's the church seeking power, position and prosperity, using systems of the world.
- Evangelism is easier, but discipleship is harder.
- Culture Fragments, Lordship unifies.

The Parable of the Yeast 33

- Through the Bible yeast is connected to evil, a corruption working against righteousness.
- These are pictures of the church living in tension with unrighteousness until Jesus comes again. (Mega Theme; Acts)

Parable of the Treasure – Jew 44

- WE are the hidden treasure.
- The one who gives all to redeem the field (world) is Jesus.
- Parable of the Pearl of Great Price - Gentile
Pearls were not considered of great value in the east but they were in the west.
- God gave his all, his own Son, for our redemption.

The Parable of the Net 47-50

- The fishing is by trolling with a net.
- The catch is indiscriminate, as is true with some of the previous parables.
- There will be a sorting out by angels at the end of the age.

Question 51, 19

Do we understand the Kingdom of Heaven?

Do we understand it's mixed nature until the Master sorts the results?

The Parable of the Home Owner 52

- Old treasure has new applications (remodel)
- The truth of God in Christ Jesus through the Holy Spirit, is powerful old faith to be lived out in relevant power today.
- Old musical truth expressed in new musical truth. Old cultural differences lived in relevant cultural differences. (Grandparent story)
- We are the seed for the Kingdom of Heaven.
- We must be wise about the make up of His kingdom and let the Master do his work at the end of the age.