

The Sower | The Parables

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What is a Parable?

- ◇ Any type of saying or story that contains a comparison or a parallel.
- ◇ “parable” means “a comparing together” or “laying one thing aside another”.
- ◇ Something physical alongside something spiritual.
- ◇ Earthly story with heavenly meaning. 1/3 of Jesus's teachings are in story form.

Key Elements

- ◇ Seed: Word of God.
- ◇ Sower: one who throws the seed.
- ◇ Soil: heart that receives “truth”.

Four Kinds of hearts

- ◇ Hard hearts - Matthew 13:4
- ◇ Shallow hearts - Mathew 13:5 & 20, Luke 8:13
- ◇ Unfruitful hearts - Matthew 13:7
- ◇ Receptive hearts - Matthew 13:8, Matthew 13:23

Luke 8:18

- ◇ “take heed how you hear
- ◇ Hearing truth can be dangerous (Matthew 7:24-27)
- ◇ God’s judgement is according to truth.
- ◇ Many hear the truth but fail to respond. Listen & apply!

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 13:1-23

Matthew 7:24-27

Luke 8:4-14

Isaiah 6

WHY PARABLES?

- Parables revealed the truth.
- Pique curiosity, motivate searching for truth.
- Parables help us understand the invisible world.
- Parables became mirrors and windows (shows us ourselves & the heart of God).
- Parables reveal mysteries of the Kingdom.

KNOW