

MATTHEW – LESSON NINE

I. JESUS TEACHES WITH PARABLES (13:1-53)

- A. Jesus teaches the multitudes with the PARABLE OF THE SOWER (v.1-23).
 - 1. The parable told (v.1-9).
 - 2. Jesus gives reasons for speaking in parables (v. 10-17).
 - 3. Jesus explains the parable (v.18-23).
- B. Jesus teaches of the kingdom of heaven with the PARABLE OF THE TARES (v.24-30).
- C. Jesus teaches of the kingdom of heaven with the PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED (v.31-32).
- D. Jesus teaches of the kingdom of heaven with the PARABLE OF LEAVEN (v. 33).
- E. Jesus' teaching with parables is fulfillment of prophecy (v. 34-35).
- F. Jesus explains the parable of the tares to his disciples (v.36-43).
- G. Jesus teaches of the kingdom of heaven with the PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE (v. 44).
- H. Jesus teaches of the kingdom of heaven with the PARABLE OF THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE (v. 45-46).
- I. Jesus teaches of the kingdom of heaven with the PARABLE OF THE NET (v. 47-50).
- J. Jesus teaches disciples of the kingdom of heaven with the PARABLE OF THE SCRIBE (v. 51-53).

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Where did Jesus speak his parables?
- 2. What is the difference between *parables* and *allegories*?
- 3. What do the following in the parable represent in the spiritual realm:
 - a. the seed sown –
 - b. the way side ground –
 - c. the rocky places –
 - d. the places of thorns –
 - e. the good ground –
- 4. Give Jesus' reasons for speaking to the multitudes in parables:
 - (1).
 - (2).
 - (3).

5. Before we can obey God's word, what responsibility do we have towards God's revealed word?
6. List the things that can cause us to fall away from the Lord and His word?
7. Does God expect all "good ground" to produce the same amount of fruit?
8. What do the following in the parable of the tares represent in the spiritual realm:
 - (a). The sower of good seed-
 - (b). The field –
 - (c). The good seed –
 - (d). The tares –
 - (e). The enemy –
 - (f). The harvest –
 - (g). The reapers –
9. Does the parable of the tares teach us that we should not separate ourselves from unruly members in the local church?
10. What about the kingdom of heaven do the parables of the mustard seed and the parable of the leaven have in common?
11. The parable of the mustard seed emphasizes what about the kingdom of heaven?
12. The parable of the leaven represents what about the kingdom of heaven?
13. What scripture was fulfilled in Jesus speaking in parables?
14. Jesus spoke occasionally with parables to the multitudes. (T) (F)
15. Jesus explained the parable of the tares to only his disciples. (T) (F)

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16. Jesus spoke the parables of the hid treasure, pearl of great price, the net, and the scribe to the multitudes. (T) (F)

17. What point about the kingdom of heaven do the parables of the *hid treasure* and the *pearl of great price* have in common?

18. What is the kingdom of heaven worth giving up?

19. What aspect of the kingdom of heaven does the parable of the net represent?

20. What will the wicked experience when they are severed from the righteous?

21. Did the disciples understand what Jesus was teaching in the parables?

22. How is the scribe who becomes a disciple to the kingdom of heaven like a householder?