

## Kingdom Parables Matthew 13:24-52

### Introduction

A Parable is an illustration of a spiritual principle from a common everyday experience. Jesus presented multiple parables to describe the Kingdom until He returns.

### Historical Context, the Kingdom Offered

**Mathew 3**, John the Baptist,

vs 1-2 Preaching in the wilderness, *“Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!”*

**Mathew 4**, Jesus,

vs 17 Jesus began to preach saying, *“Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!”*

**Mathew 10**, 12 Disciples Sent Out to the entire nation

vs 7 As you go, preach saying, *“The Kingdom of heaven is at hand!”*

### The Kingdom Rejected

**Matthew 11:20-24; 12:22-32** The Messianic Miracle REJECTED, Is 35:4-6

vs 23 the people understand what had just happened,

*This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?*

Even the Pharisees cannot deny this miracle

So they attribute the Power of the Holy Spirit, to Beelzebul, ruler of demons

This is the ultimate rejection, The Kingdom is no longer offered to that generation

There will be a Time Period of Delay, until Jesus returns

### Parables of the Kingdom, First Parable, The Sower

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** Parable of the Sower

The Word of God will be spread to Four Types of Hearts, People:

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ Ground Person, Does not understand, Enemy takes it away
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ Ground Person, Word received with joy, but no firm root
- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ Out Person, Worry and deceitfulness of wealth
- 4) The \_\_\_\_\_ Soil Person, Produces much Fruit

### The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...

**Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43, Tares among Wheat**

The field is the \_\_\_\_\_

Both Good and Bad seed are being sown together

Harvest Time is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

There will be a separation of the sons of the kingdom and  
the sons of the evil one

**Matthew 13:31-32, The Mustard Seed**

The Kingdom begins small, with \_\_\_\_\_ people

But will grow to cover the entire earth, and be a shelter to all people

**Matthew 13:33-34, The Leaven** (vs 34 things hidden)

The Kingdom operates by an \_\_\_\_\_ force that is continuous and transformative. This the first hint of the new ministry of the Holy Spirit  
John 15:26; 16:7-11; John 7:37-39; Acts 1:4-8

**Matthew 13:44-46, Hidden Treasure & Costly Pearl**

Being part of the Kingdom of God is more \_\_\_\_\_ than anything we possess  
People find the Kingdom of God in different ways

**Matthew 13:47-52, The Dragnet**

At the end of the age there will be a separation between the righteous & the wicked. The wicked will be removed, the righteous will remain to enter and populate the promised Kingdom. Matt 24:29-41

**How do We Respond?**

**Luke 8:16-18, The Lamp** (Our Role)

We are to let our light shine on others. The main way we do this is sowing the seed of the Gospel and the Word of God in others.

**Mark 4:26-29, The Seed** (God's Role)

The man spreads the seed and goes to bed. Life comes from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Only God, through His Word and the power of the Holy Spirit can bring about life, growth, and spiritual fruit. Heb 4:12; 1 Pet 1:23

*Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine **and acts on them...***  
*Matt 7:24-27*

The kingdom God promised Israel has been delayed. Through these parables, Jesus has described the major characteristics, or form of God's kingdom during this period of delay, until Jesus returns and establishes the kingdom promised to Israel.

Until that time, sons of the kingdom, believers in Christ, are to be faithfully sowing the seed of the Word of God in others.

Has the Seed of the Word of God taken firm root in your life?

What steps are you taking to Prepare the Soil &  
Sow the Seed in Others?