

The Parables of Jesus reveal many significant truths, re: the Kingdom of God on Earth.

We know this because they frequently begin with the preface, "The kingdom of heaven is like....."

Or, "the kingdom of God is like....."

(BTW, the 'Kingdom of God' and 'Kingdom of Heaven' are equivalent, despite the teachings of Dispensationalists. Christ calls them mysteries of the kingdom of heaven in Matthew, and mysteries of the kingdom of God in Luke and Mark).

The Parable of the Sower reveals several critical truths.

1. The Lord spoke in parables for the express purpose of concealing spiritual truths from the non-elect (Matthew 13:10-15).

This is yet another proof it was never God's intention to send Christ as Prophet/Priest/King Mediator to all mankind.

2. Only the Elect will hear and understand because they alone will be given the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, who reveals the things of God which can only be discerned by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 13:11, 16; 1 Cor. 2:10-14).

The Holy Spirit is not given everyone. This is yet another proof it was never God's intention to send Christ as Mediator to all mankind.

3. Satan, our enemy, is determined to infiltrate Christ's Church, which is worldwide in scope (Matt. 13:25, 38-39).

4. Satan is successful because those who call themselves 'stewards of God's household,' have 'fallen asleep,' choosing to 'hear no evil or see no evil,' despite the cries of God's 'watchmen.' (Matt. 13:25; Matt. 25:48-51).

5. Only those who have 'good ground' are they who hear the Word of God with understanding, bearing good fruit (Matt. 13:23).

Jesus defines the ground in which the seed of the Word is sown as the 'heart.' (Matt. 13:19).

Scripture is explicit when it condemns the heart of man as evil (Jeremiah 17:9, etc.).

Therefore, only those who have been regenerated, having been given a new heart, are those who will bear much fruit, which will remain (Matt. 13:23; Ezek. 36:26; John 15:16).

Only they will hear, understand and bear good fruit.

Jesus does not send His life-giving, truth-revealing Spirit to all men (Matt. 13:11).

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Jesus is not shy in explaining why His disciples will bear good fruit.

It is because *He* did the choosing, not the other way around, as so many Christians would have us believe (John 15:16).

Furthermore, we were chosen not only for salvation, but for specific work to be done by us in the Kingdom of God (John 15:16; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Cor. 12).

And that work will be done exactly as decreed....by whom exactly as decreed!

NEXT: More truths about the Kingdom of God on earth.

