

“WE BELIEVE”

“NOURISHED ON THE WORDS OF FAITH AND SOUND DOCTRINE”

PART 1: INTRODUCTION

“SOIL TEST”

“Assessing Our Fertility”

(Matthew 13:1-23; Parallels: Mark 4:3-25; Luke 8:5-18)

INTRODUCTION:

WE BELIEVE...

1A. AN _____ TO THE PARABLES ON THE KINGDOM (MATT. 13:1-3A)

“And He spoke many things to them in parables,…”

—Matthew 13:3a

- _____ Parables?

2A. THE _____ PARABLE ON THE KINGDOM (MATT. 13:3B-9)

“Behold, the sower went out to sow…”

—Matthew 13:3a

3A. THE _____ OF THE PARABLES ON THE KINGDOM (MATT. 13:10-17)

And the disciples came and said..., “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

—Matthew 13:10

- _____ Parables?

1B. To further _____ truth to those who had _____ the kingdom of God – the King and His Message. (v. 11a, 12a, 16)

“To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,…”

—Matthew 13:11a

2B. To further _____ truth to those who had _____ the kingdom of God – the King and His Message. (v. 11b, 12b-15)

“...but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled...”

—Matthew 13:12b-14a

1C. Their _____ are _____.

2C. Their _____ are _____.

3C. Their _____ are _____.

4A. THE _____ OF THE PARABLE ON THE KINGDOM (MATT. 13:18-23)

1B. Along the _____: No _____ (v. 4 = v. 19)

2B. On the _____: No _____ (v. 5, 6 = v. 20, 21)

3B. In the _____: No _____ (v. 7 = v. 22)

4B. In the _____: _____, _____, and _____ (v. 8 = v. 23)

“And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”

SUMMATION AND EXHORTATION:

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”

—John 15:8

1. Good Soil is... _____ to the _____.

2. Good Soil is... _____ to the _____.