

# MATTHEW 13

## THE KING'S PARABLES

### Chapter 13

**Summary:** Jesus uses 7 parables (short stories) to answer the question, "What happens to the kingdom?". They illustrate the period between His rejection and His second coming. The professing Christian Church begins small, but grows into an unstoppable great "kingdom", with both believers and make-believers. But within it God maintains His people Israel and His true Church. In the end God will separate the wicked from the righteous.

**Lesson:** *Good and evil will exist until Christ returns ~ keep looking up.*

#### **I. The Parable Of The Soils (13:1-23)**

*Meaning: The gospel will be rejected by most people.*

#### **II. The Parable Of Wheat And Weeds (13:24-30)**

*Meaning: Believers and unbelievers will exist together.*

#### **III. The Parable Of The Mustard Seed (13:31-32)**

*Meaning: Christianity (believers & unbelievers) will grow rapidly.*

#### **IV. The Parable Of The Yeast (13:33-35)**

*Meaning: Make-believers will grow in numbers unhindered.*

#### **V. The Parable Of The Weeds Is Explained (13:36-43)**

#### **VI. The Parable Of The Hidden Treasure (13:44)**

*Meaning: Jesus came to redeem Israel, His treasure [Ps 135:4].*

#### **VII. The Parable Of The Pearl (13:45-46)**

*Meaning: Jesus gave His life to redeem the Church [1 Cor 6:20].*

#### **VIII. The Parable Of The Net (13:47-52)**

*Meaning: Angels will separate the wicked from the righteous.*

#### **IX. Jesus Is Rejected In Nazareth (13:53-58)**