



Matthew 13:1-9 NIV

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.”



Matthew 13:10-13 NIV

10 The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

11 He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see;

though hearing, they do not hear or understand.



Matthew 13:14-15 NIV

14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“ ‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

15 For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.’



Matthew 13:16-17 NIV

16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. 17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.



Matthew 13:18-23 NIV

18 “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”



Mixed Bag of Responses

Matthew 11:20-22 NIV

20 Then Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his **miracles** had been performed, **because they did not repent.** 21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the **miracles** that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you

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Matthew 12

- But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might **kill Jesus.**” (Mt 12:14, NIV).
- But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by **Beelzebul, the prince of demons,** that this fellow drives out demons.” (Mt 12:24, NIV)



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Matthew 12:46-50 NIV

46 While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood **outside**, wanting to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing **outside**, wanting to speak to you.” 48 He replied to him, “**Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?**” 49 Pointing to his **disciples**, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. 50 For **whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.**”

Previous Scripture: Matthew 12:24;

Matthew 12:14; Matthew 11:20-22



Matthew 13:1-3a AT

1 On that [same] day, Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea. 2 And great crowds were gathered before him, so then He stepped into the boat to be seated [to teach], and all the crowd stood on the shore. 3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables,

Previous Scripture: Matthew 12:46-50;

Matthew 12:24; Matthew 12:14



Matthew 13:3b-4 AT

“Consider this: A sower went out to sow seed. 4 some of which fell by the path while he was sowing, and the birds came and devoured them.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 13:1-3a;

Matthew 12:46-50; Matthew 12:24



Matthew 13:5-7 AT

5 But others fell upon the rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly since they did not have deep soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched. And since they had no root, they were dried up. 7 But others fell among the thorns, and thorns grew and choked them.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 13:3b-4;

Matthew 13:1-3a; Matthew 12:46-50



Matthew 13:8-9 AT

8 But others fell on soil – the good soil –
and produced fruit which was some
hundred, some sixty, some thirty(fold). 9
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Genesis 26:12

Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a **hundredfold**, because the **LORD** blessed him.



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Matthew 13:10-12 AT

10 Then the disciples came before [Him] and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" **11** And He said to them, "Because to you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the Kingdom, but to those [people] it has not been granted. **12** For whoever has, it will be granted to them and they will be made to have an abundance. But whoever does not have, even that which they have will be taken away from them.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 13:8-9;

Genesis 26:12; Matthew 13:5-7



Matthew 13:13-15 AT

13 For this reason I speak to them in parables, because though they are seeing, they do not see, and though they are hearing, they do not hear nor understand. **14** And the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled by them, the one saying: "You will indeed hear and never understand, and you will indeed see and never perceive. **15** For the heart of these people has become dull | and they have heard heavily with their ears | and they have shut their eyes | So that they may not see with their eyes | and hear with their ears | and understand in their heart | and turn around and I would heal them.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 13:10-12;

Matthew 13:8-9; Genesis 26:12



1 Kings 3:9a NIV

So give your servant a **discerning heart** to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong...



Matthew 13:16-18 AT

16 But blessed are *your* eyes because they see and *your* ears because they hear. **17** For Amen I say to you: many prophets and righteous [people] longed to see what you see and did not see, and to hear what you hear and did not hear. **18** *You*, therefore, hear the parable of the sower.



I. Hard-Hearted Hearers

Matthew 13:19 AT

19 From all who hear the message of the Kingdom and do not understand, the Evil One comes and snatches what had been sown in their hearts. This is what was sown by the path.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 13:16-18;

1 Kings 3:9; Matthew 13:13-15



II. Fair-weather “Fans”

Matthew 13:20-21 AT

20 As for what was sown on the rocky ground, this is the one who hears the message and **quickly** – with joy – accepts it. **21** Yet such a person has no root in themselves, but is fleeting. So when hardship or persecution comes because of the message, that person **quickly** falls away [from the faith].

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II. Fair-weather “Fans”

John 6:26 NIV

“Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but **because you ate the loaves and had your fill.**”

Previous Scripture: Matthew 13:20-21;

Matthew 13:19; Matthew 13:16-18



II. Fair-weather “Fans” Christian Persecution

- **10** Blessed are those who are **persecuted** because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** “Blessed are you when people insult you, **persecute** you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they **persecuted** the prophets who were before you. (Mt 5:10-12 NIV)
- If the world **hates** you, keep in mind that it **hated me first** (Jn 15:18, NIV)
- You will be **hated** by everyone **because of me**, but the one who **stands firm** to the end will be **saved** (Mt 10:22, NIV)



II. Fair-weather “Fans”

Matthew 24:9-11 NIV

9 Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. **10** At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, **11** and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 10:22;

John 15:18; Matthew 5:10-12



III. Backburner “Believers”

Matthew 13:22 AT

As for what was sown among the thorns, this is the one who hears the message, and the concerns of daily life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the message – and it becomes unfruitful.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 24:9-11;

Matthew 10:22; John 15:18



III. Backburner “Believers”

God vs. Worldly Wealth/Worries

- For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, **eager for money**, have **wandered from the faith** and pierced themselves with many griefs. (1 Tim 6:10, NIV)
- No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and money.** (Mt 6:24, NIV)
- But seek **first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Mt 6:33, NIV)

Previous Scripture: Matthew 13:22;

Matthew 24:9-11; Matthew 10:22



IV. Fruitful Followers

Matthew 13:23 AT

As for what was sown on the good soil,
this is the one who hears and
understands the word, who indeed bears
fruit and brings forth which is some
hundred, some sixty, some thirty(fold).

Previous Scripture: Matthew 6:33;

Matthew 6:24; 1 Timothy 6:10



IV. Fruitful Followers

Matthew 3:8, 10 NIV

8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance... **10** The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 13:23;

Matthew 6:33; Matthew 6:24