**THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS | MATTHEW 13**

**WAVE CHURCH SD | MARCH 10, 2019**

**What is a Parable?**

Parable “Parabole” | para = thrown; ballo = beside

* A SPIRITUAL LESSON THROWN ALONGSIDE LIFE AS IT HAPPENS

**Matthew 13:3-13 (ESV)***3And he told them many things in parables, saying:   
“A sower went out to sow. 4And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where   
they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. 7Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew   
up and choked them. 8Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9He who has ears, let him hear.” 10Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” 11And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 13This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.*

THE TWO-FOLD PURPOSE OF THE PARABLES:

* HIDE TRUTH FROM THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS
* REVEAL TRUTH TO GENUINE SEEKERS

Matthew 11:25-26 (ESV)*,* 1 Corinthians 2:7-9 (ESV)

**Matthew 13:14-17 (ESV)** *14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: “ ‘ “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” 15 For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’ 16But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. 17For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.*

**Matthew 13:18-23 (ESV)***18“Hear then the parable of the sower: 19When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. 20As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 23As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”*

SEED = THE GOSPEL | SOWER = ANYONE | SOIL = THE HEART

**LESSON OF THE SOILS:**

1. MY RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD IS DEPENDENT ON THE CONDITION OF MY HEART.

* THE PATHSIDE HEARER | Prov. 1:7, Jer. 19:15, Acts 7:51
* THE SHALLOW HEARER | John 6:66, Gal. 1:6
* THE WORLDLY HEARER | James 1:8, Luke 16:13, 1 Tim. 6:9-10
* THE FRUITFUL HEARER | John 15:7-8, Gal. 6:9, Heb.10:35-36

**HOW DO I BECOME A FRUITFUL HEARER?**

**ANSWER:** ENDURING FAITH PRODUCES UNIMAGINABLE KINGDOM FRUITFULNESS

**AS A SOWER, WHAT AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR?**

**ANSWER:** I AM ONLY RESPONSIBLE TO SOW, NOT TO ENSURE A HARVEST

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