



# The Parables of Jesus

Good crops & the Kingdom of Heaven

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## Matthew 13

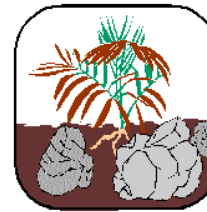
- Parable of the Sower
- Parable of the Tares
- Parable of the Mustard Seed
- Parable of the Leaven
- Parable of the Hidden Treasure
- Parable of the Pearl
- Parable of Drawing in the Net

### The Parable of the Sower

The Seed is the Word of God



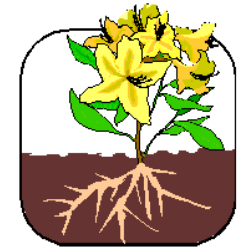
The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

What type of Soil are You?

Is God Growing in Your Heart?







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## ‘Mashal’ Hebrew: משל – similar to

### Old Testament parables

- Judges 9:7-15
- 2 Samuel 12:1 – 4
- 2 Samuel 14:1-24
- 1 Kings 20:35-42
- Isaiah 5:1-9
- Leadership refused 3 times
- Nathan’s parable of the Poor Man's Ewe Lamb
- The wise woman’s parable to David of Absalom
- The prophet’s parable to Ahab of the escaped prisoner
- Isaiah’s parable of the unfruitful vineyard to Israel



Earthly stories with heavenly meanings

## Why parables?

- Common form of teaching in Judaism
- Relatable to the people – agriculture, fishing etc
- Effective and memorable way of expressing divine truths
- A way of targeting His audience – those who accepted His truth would understand the meaning
- To help His disciples understand the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven
- Taught people on multiple levels





# Parable of the Tares

- <sup>24</sup> Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
- <sup>25</sup> But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
- <sup>26</sup> But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.
- <sup>27</sup> So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
- <sup>28</sup> He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
- <sup>29</sup> But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
- <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

# Parable of the Tares – many levels



It is wise not to hastily try to fix something at the detriment of what is important

Satan has placed evil in the world, and God cannot remove it until the end of the world/the resurrection

There is evil within our bodies which God cannot remove until the end of the world



# Thanks for listening!

- Remember there are many meanings we can get from the parables