

## A Study of the Book of Matthew Chapter 13 v. 16-23

### I. Jesus goes on to point out that the disciples are different from these people; they not only hear the word but are also willing to understand it and be taught. (v.16-17)

- What is the difference between the hearing that the disciples took toward Jesus, and the hearing that many in the crowd did? \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16)
  - Like we've mentioned many times before, there is a difference between hearing the Word, and understanding God's Word. The disciples didn't just listen to Jesus, but also pondered on the things He taught them and applied them to their lives and teaching others.
  - What does Jesus mean when He says the Disciples are blessed because of their willingness to see and hear Him? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why are the Disciples lucky to have the opportunity to learn and hear from Jesus personally? \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17)
  - The coming of Jesus was something that had been foretold from the beginning of time. Countless Jews and Israelites lived their lives preaching and teaching about Christ, but never got the opportunity to see His work come to fruition on Earth. The Disciples were able to personally speak and interact with the Savior of the World that had been told about for countless generations.

### II. Jesus then goes on to explain what the Parable of the Sower meant. (v. 18-23).

- What type of person is represented by the seed that is casted to the wayside and devoured by the birds? \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19)
  - This first person is a prime example of hearing but not understanding. Jesus is saying that these people hear the Word but do not see the value of it, and because of that Satan takes away the seed that is sown into their hearts.
- What type of person is represented by the seed sown onto the rocky ground? \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20-21).
  - This person represents people who hear the word and trust it, but because they are weak in their faith allows persecution and trials to destroy it. What can we do to help prevent seed from falling on the rocky soil? \_\_\_\_\_
- What type of person is represented by the seed that is choked out by the thorns? \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22).
  - As believers, we are called to serve and worship God, and Him only. Much like this person, we cannot find ourselves trying to serve two masters.
    - Outside of chasing riches and the cares of the world, what are some other things that believers need to make sure they are not choosing over God?  
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- What type of person is represented by the seed who lands on solid ground? \_\_\_\_\_

(v. 23)

- This is the seed that we need to make sure that we are and remain in! What is important to recognize about this person outside of them hearing and understanding?

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- It is important to recognize that not only does this person hear and understand God's word, but they also bear fruit! Though it won't be the same fruit for every person, we must make sure that we aren't just holding God's word but sharing it with others as well!