

Study Questions
Matthew Chapter 13 Parables
Part One

1). Mt 13:1 ¶ *On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea.*

2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables,

a). What we see at the beginning of Matthew Chapter 13 marks a significant change in the Lord's earthly ministry – why do you think we need to establish the context for this change?

b). What could be the consequence for not establishing the proper context?

c). What does scripture tell us about how to do this?

d). Lu 24:25 *Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

e). Isa 28:9 ¶ *"Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little."*

2). So keeping these 2 scriptures in mind, what would the following scripture teach us in addition to what we have already seen?

a). *Isa 46:9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'*

b). What would this tell us about what we are about to study in Matthew Chapter 13?

3). How could we connect all this to what we see in - Heb 2:1 ¶ *Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ?*

4). We have spent much time in these last months, dealing with very practical application in the Book of Ephesians – what would be the practical application with regards to what we have looked at so far?

a). Why is understanding ‘the big picture’ of scripture important to how and why we are to be doers of the word?

5). *Eph 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,*

- a). What is Paul asking for here?
- b). What kind of knowledge is he referring to?
- c). What would you understand this knowledge to be in relation to Christ?

6). Col 3:9 *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,¹⁰ and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,*

- a). What does v10 of our scripture teach us?
- b). So what connection can we make between the mature knowledge we are to have concerning the Christ and our choices to personal holiness?

7). And so, if we go to the very first chapter of God's revelation to us, Genesis Chapter 1, can you explain how in this chapter God is declaring the end from the beginning?

8). Ge 3:15 *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

- a). How is this scripture declaring the end from the beginning?

b). Ge 4:8 ¶ *Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.*

c). How does this scripture declare from ancient times things that are not yet done?

d). After the murder of Abel who replaces him as the type of the seed of the Woman?

e). Did you know that the name Seth = ‘substituted’ – what insight might this give us?

9). Seven generations from Adam, through the lineage of Seth we come to Enoch and then 10 generations from Adam through the lineage of Seth we come to Noah.

a). What do you think is significant about this?

b). And again, how does this fit with our Isaiah 46 scripture?

10). And if we follow the lineage of Seth beyond Noah we firstly come to Shem.

a). What does scripture teach us is significant about Shem?

b). And if we continue still further through the lineage, what major character do we come to?

c). What promises does God make to Abraham and why does He make them to him?

d). What might we learn here for ourselves?

11). If we continue in the lineage of Seth through Shem and Abraham we will come to David the King.

a). What promise did God make to David?

b). Why would this promise not be about Solomon?

12). And so as we think about the Seed of the Woman promised in Genesis what would we know about His lineage?

a). And what would be the reason for the Seed of the Woman being sent?

b). What would you say then is God's focus throughout this revelation?

c). How would we connect this with the foundational pattern set in Genesis

Chapter 1?

d). How would we connect this with - 1Co 2:7 *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has*

prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ?

- e). Exactly what has God prepared for those who love Him?
- f). How has He revealed them to us?
- g). What would any of this have to do with setting the context for the Matthew 13 parables?
- h). Do you have any thoughts about all of this?