

Sunday November 8th 2015
Without a Parable
Part Seven
Study Questions

1). Read Matthew 13:31-32 – according to these verses what does ‘a man’ do with ‘a mustard seed’?

a). What is the connection between what we see here and the parables of the sower and the wheat and tares?

b). What does the mustard seed represent?

c). Where does the parable of the mustard seed again take us back to?

d). What do we see concerning the mustard seed at this time and how does this connect to the parable of the sower?

e). What then happens to the mustard seed and how does this connect with the parable of the wheat and tares?

f). What do we know about 'the birds of the air' and 'a tree'?

2). Find out all you can about the historical detail that shows the church becoming ensnared within the present system of rulership.

a). Do you see a parallel with this and the experience of Israel through the counsel of Balaam?

b). Read Luke 4:5-7 – is there a connection between what we see in these verses and that which have just seen concerning what happened to 'the Church'?

3). Apart from its use in the parable of the mustard seed recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke, where else do we find 2 other references to a mustard seed and is its use in these other references consistent with what we see in the parable of the mustard seed?

4). Read Matthew 13:33 – Where does the beginning of this parable again take us back to?

a). What connection is there then with the parable of the sower and the parable of the wheat and tares?

b). Explain the symbolism contained in this verse.

c). Given that which the parable of the leaven teaches how can we be sure that what we are studying is in fact the truth?

d). Any final thoughts?