

THE HEART THAT DESERVES THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Matthew 13:1-23

Key Verse: 13:8

Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Where was Jesus preaching? Why? What was his teaching device? (3a)
What is the common theme of the parables?
(11,19,24,31,33,44,45,47,52)
2. Read the first parable in verses 3-9. What do the farmer and seed represent? What are the 4 kinds of soil on which the seed falls? What happens to the seed that falls in each kind of soil?
3. What does it mean to have a heart like the path? (4) What might make one become like this? What does it mean to be like rocky soil? (5-6) Like thorny soil? (7)
4. How are the good-soil people different from the others? (8) What can we learn about God's purpose in creating mankind? About what pleases him? About our attitude toward God's word? How can we have good heart soil?
5. Read verses 10-13. What did the disciples ask Jesus? Why? How did he respond? What did he mean? Read verses 14-17. How was Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled? What does Jesus teach about God's work and history?