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Matthew 13 **A Kingdom Parable**



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Gemini Notebook

1 On that day Jesus went out of the house, and sat by
the seaside. 2 Great multitudes gathered to him, so that he
entered into a boat, and sat, and all the multitude stood on
the beach. 3 He spoke to them many things in parables,
saying, “Behold, a farmer went out to sow. 4 As he sowed,
some **seeds** fell by **the roadside**, and the birds came and
devoured them. 5 Others fell on **rocky ground,** where they
didn’t have much soil, and immediately they sprang up,
because they had no depth of earth. 6 When the sun had
risen, they were scorched. Because **they had no root,**
they withered away. 7 Others fell among thorns. **The**
thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Others fell on **good**
soil, and yielded fruit: some one hundred times as much,
some sixty, and some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let
him hear.”

10 The disciples came, and said to him, “**Why do you**
speak to them in parables?” 11 He answered them, **“To**
you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of
Heaven, but it is not given to them. 12 **For whoever**
has, to him will be given, and he will have abundance,
but whoever doesn’t have, from him will be taken away
even that which he has. 13 Therefore I speak to them in
parables, because seeing they don’t see, and hearing, they
don’t hear, neither do they understand.

14 In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says,
‘**By hearing you will hear, and will in no way**
understand; Seeing you will see, and will in no way
perceive: 15 for **this people’s heart has grown callous,**
their ears are dull of hearing, they have closed their
eyes; or else perhaps they might perceive with their
eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart,
and would turn again; and I would heal them.’

16 “But blessed are **your eyes**, for they **see**; and **your**
ears, for they **hear.** 17 For most certainly I tell you that
many prophets and righteous men desired to see the
things which you see, and didn’t see them; and to hear the
things which you hear, and didn’t hear them.

18 “Hear, then, the parable of the farmer. 19 When
anyone **hears the word of the Kingdom, and doesn’t**
understand it, the evil one comes, and snatches away
that which has been sown in his heart. This is what was
sown **by the roadside**. 20 What was sown on **the rocky**
places, this is he who hears the word, and **immediately**
with joy receives it; 21 yet he has **no root** in himself, but
endures for a while. When **oppression or persecution**
arises because of the word, immediately **he stumbles.**
22 What was sown among **the thorns,** this is he who
hears the word, but **the cares of this age** and **the**
deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he **becomes**
unfruitful. 23 What was sown on **the good ground**, this is
he who **hears** the word, and **understands** it, who most
certainly **bears fruit**, and **produces**, some one hundred
times as much, some sixty, and some thirty.”

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Isaiah 42:17-20
17 “**Those who trust in engraved images**, who tell molten images, ‘You are our gods’ will be turned back. They **will be utterly disappointed**. 18 “Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind, but my servant? Or who is as deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is as blind as he who is at peace, and as blind as Yahweh’s servant?

Isaiah 44:18-20
18 They don’t know, neither do they consider: for he has shut their eyes, that they can’t see; and their hearts, that they can’t understand. 19 No one thinks, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, “I have burned part of it in the fire. Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals. I have roasted meat and eaten it. Shall I make the rest of it into an abomination? Shall I bow down to a tree trunk?” 20 He feeds on ashes. A deceived heart has turned him aside; and he can’t deliver his soul, nor say, “Isn’t there a lie in my right hand?”

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Jeremiah 5:20-28

20 “Announce this to the descendants of Jacob and proclaim it in Judah:

21 Hear this, you **foolish** and **senseless** people, who have **eyes but do not see**, who have **ears but do not hear**: 22 Should you not fear me?” declares the Lord. “Should you not tremble in my presence? I made the sand a boundary for the sea, an everlasting barrier it cannot cross. The waves may roll, but they cannot prevail; they may roar, but they cannot cross it.

23 But these people have **stubborn** and **rebellious** hearts; they have **turned aside** and **gone away**. 24 They do not say to themselves, ‘Let us **fear the Lord** our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest.’

25 Your **wrongdoings have kept these away**; your **sins have deprived you of good**. 26 “Among my people are the wicked who lie in wait like men who snare birds and like those who set traps to catch people.

27 Like cages full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; they have become rich and powerful 28 and have grown fat and sleek. **Their evil deeds have no limit**; they do not seek justice. They do not promote the case of the fatherless; they do not defend the just cause of the poor.

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Romans 1:19-26

19 For **what may be known about God is plain** to them, **because God has made it plain** to them. 20 For since the creation of the world **God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from His workmanship, so that men are without excuse**. 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but they became **futile** in their thinking and darkened in their **foolish** hearts.

22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images of mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the desires of their hearts to impurity for the dishonoring of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and **worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator**, who is forever worthy of praise! Amen. 26 **For this reason God gave them over to dishonorable passions**…**29They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity...They invent new forms of evil…**

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2 Corinthians 4:1-6
1 Therefore, since God in His mercy has given us this ministry, **we do not lose heart**. 2 Instead, we have renounced secret and shameful ways. We do not practice deceit, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by open proclamation of the truth, we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, **it is veiled to those who are perishing**.
4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not proclaim ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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Exodus 6:5-9
5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians
are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 “Therefore, say to the
Israelites: ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the
Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you
with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you
as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the
Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. 8
And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham,
to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.’ ”
**9 Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him
because of their discouragement and harsh labor.**

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Hebrews 3:13
exhort [encourage, appeal to, entreat] **one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.**

Hebrews 10:23-25
23 Let us hold resolutely to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to **spur [provoke] one another on to love and good deeds**. 25 Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but **let us encourage one another**, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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1. What is “the word of the kingdom”?
2. What are we supposed to understand about it?
3. How can satan and sin get in the way?
4. What is our solution?