

HIDDEN TREASURE

January 7, 2018

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Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:44-46

I. Division

II. One God, One Message

A. Along the path.

¹⁸ *“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone **hears the word** of the kingdom and **does not understand it**, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path” (Matthew 13:18–19).*

B. On rocky ground.

²⁰ *“As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the **one who hears the word** and immediately **receives it with joy**, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and **when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word**, immediately he falls away” (Matthew 13:20–21).*

C. Among thorns.

*“As for what was sown among thorns, this is the **one who hears the word**, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches **choke the word**, and it proves unfruitful” (Matthew 13:22).*

D. The good soil.

*“As for what was sown on good soil, this is the **one who hears the word** and **understands it**. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty” (Matthew 13:23).*

III. In Search of Truth as in the Mind of God

*This is why I speak to them in parables, because **seeing they do not see**, and **hearing they do not hear**, **nor do they understand** (Matthew 13:13).*

⁴⁴ *“The kingdom of heaven is like **treasure hidden in a field**, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy **he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field**. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like **a merchant in search of fine pearls**, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, **went and sold all that he had and bought it** (Matthew 13:44–46).*

*This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world**" (Matthew 13:35).*

*¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears **to the words of my mouth!** ² **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old** (Psalm 78:1–2).*

*¹ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of **understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,** ³ **in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge** (Colossians 2:1–3).*

IV. Our Quest

*¹ My son, if you **receive my words** and treasure up my commandments with you, ² making your **ear attentive to wisdom** and inclining **your heart to understanding;** ³ yes, if you **call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,** ⁴ if you **seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,** ⁵ **then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.** ⁶ **For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding** (Proverbs 2:1–6).*

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