

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL**  
**Subject: The Parables of the Lord Jesus**

**31 May 2020**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ
  - a) Information
  - b) Instruction
  - c) Inspiration
2. The methods of Teaching employed
  - a) Signs and wonders
  - b) Teaching/ explaining
  - c) Challenges
  - d) Aphorism
  - e) Parables

**THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

1. Our Focus for the next few weeks
2. Many deep lessons may be learned along the way

**THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**

(Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-8)

1. Basic guidelines on reading and interpreting Parables
  - a) Check if the Lord Jesus explained the parable  
If He did, the explanation He gave is the correct one
  - b) Check the Context in which the Parables were taught
  - c) Every Parable has a central point
  - d) Never allegorize the Parables of Jesus
  - e) Parables are highly illustrative

2. The Parable of the Sower  
(Found in the Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke)

3. Sketching the Outline of the Parable

- a) The Sower
- b) The seed
- c) Harvest
  - i) Failure in 3 segments
  - ii) Success in 1 segment

4. The query of the Disciples

- a) “Why do You speak to them in parables?” Matthew 13:10
- b) The Disciples wanted to know

5. The Explanation of Jesus as to why He spoke in parables

- a) Jesus distinguished
  - i) His Disciples
  - ii) The Multitudes
- b) To the Disciples
  - i) It was given to them to know the mysteries of the kingdom  
of heaven Matthew 13:11a
  - ii) Whoever has, to him more will be given Matthew 13:12a
  - iii) Whoever does not have, even what he has  
will be taken away Matthew 13:12b
  - iv) The disciples are blessed indeed Matthew 13:16
  - v) Their ears hear and their eyes see Matthew 13:16
- c) To the Multitudes
  - i) To them this was not given Matthew 13:11b



ii) He understands it

iii) He bears fruit, a hundredfold, sixtyfold, thirtyfold      Matthew 13:23

### **THE CHALLENGE IN FRONT OF US**

1. How are we receiving the Word of God?
2. What kind of a heart do we have?
3. What kind of fruit would we bear?