

# "The Kingdom of Heaven"

Matthew 11-13

## Introduction:

### "The Kingdom"

Old Testament - 12 Tribes of Israel - Physical kingdom on Earth

New Testament - Church - Spiritual kingdom on Earth

Millennium - All nations, tribes & peoples - Physical Millennial kingdom on Earth

New Heaven & Earth - All the Ransomed - Eternal Kingdom in Heaven & on Earth

## Matthew 11-13 - The Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus leads the Kingdom and he invites all to come (Matthew 11:25-30)

Jesus knows the nature of the spiritual world (Matthew 12:1-45)

Jesus' kingdom is filled with his children and they value it above all else - (Matthew 13:1-50) -  
With seven parables Jesus gives us a view of his kingdom.

Four Farming Parables - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-33, 36-43

Parable of the Sower - Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Parable of the Weeds - Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Parable of the Mustard Seed, Leaven - Matthew 13:31-33

Two Treasure Parables - Hidden Treasure, Pearl of Great Price - Matthew 13:44-45 -

Parable of the Drag Net - Matthew 13:46-50

**Conclusion:** What changes a person? What changes a person's mind about the Kingdom of Heaven? Jesus has done more than enough miracles; he has spoken truth without exception—yet he is rejected in his home (Matthew 13:53-58) town and he chooses to speak in parables (Matthew 13:34b) and the disciples are puzzled. Jesus has said twice: "he who has ears, let him hear". (Matthew 13:9, 43b) We learn in verses 10-17 where Jesus gives us the answer and verses 34-35 remind us that Jesus was prophesied to speak this way.

While David was fleeing from his son Absalom he was no less the king of Israel, even though he was away and Absalom was ruling in the capital city. In much the same way Jesus, the King is away but he like David, rules in the hearts of his people even as the usurper, Satan is the ruler of this world (John 12:31). The Master is away but he will return because the Kingdom is His and in the final parable we are reminded that judgment is coming.