

Matthew 13v1-23

Parable of Sowers

Scene & Question - why parables? v1-10

1. Parables reveal the heart v11-17

- Kingdom veiled - not fully seen
- God chooses - revealed to some not others v11
 - Those revealed to will grow, those not revealed to wont v12
- Yet there is Human responsibility
 - They see but don't perceive, hear but don't understand
 - For their hearts are HARD v15 - rejecting God, his forgiveness
 - Part of God's judgement is that the more they hear God word the harder their hearts become
- Parable match the response Jesus knows the teaching will produce
 - For some parables are stories of grace v16-17
 - For others words of judgement on HARD HEARTS v15

2. Which one is your heart? How do you respond? v18-23

a) *Hard Harry v19*

Hearts so hard because of Sin

Often seen in believers who are legalists

b) *Shallow Susie v20 -21*

Initial joy but troubles/ hardships mean they give up

c) *Choked Carl v22*

Distracted by the word its worries and wealth

ALL THESE WAYS LEAD TO DEATH NOT LIFE

d) *Fruitful Felicity v23*

Believes - hears, sees, Understands the gospel

EVIDENCE by Spiritual Fruit in her life that is abundant!

Which one are you?