

## “The Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven”

### Matthew 13:10-33

#### I. Jesus began to teach the crowds in parables.

**Matthew 13:10–11** — <sup>10</sup> *And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”* <sup>11</sup> *Jesus answered them, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.”*

**A.** Jesus clearly indicates **that only certain people are granted full knowledge of the kingdom of heaven.**

1. **Kingdom of Heaven will be the eternal order God is creating for those that love Him.**
2. The prophet spoke of God’s coming Kingdom. **Daniel 7:14** — *“His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.”*

#### II. Question: Why don’t these listeners of Jesus get to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom?

**A.** This question applies to everyone here today who is listening to these parables.

**Matthew 13:12** — <sup>12</sup> *“For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.”*

**B.** **“Those that have”** are those who have believed on Jesus to save them from their own sins.

1. **Jesus said, v16** — *“But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.”*

**C.** **“Those who do not have”** are those who have not yet trusted in Christ so as to follow Him.

**Matthew 13:15** — <sup>15</sup> *For the heart of this people has become dull, With their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, Hear with*

*their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.”*

**D. Application:** lets us listen to the following mysteries of the kingdom without being dull of heart.

1. “Pastor hurry up so we can eat.

#### III. Understand the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven:

**A.** The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

**Matthew 13:31** — <sup>31</sup> *He presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field;”*

1. The Kingdom of Heaven is starting small but will one day be the largest.
  - a. Jesus started with 12 disciples and is now hundreds of million around the world.

**B.** The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field.

**Matthew 13:44** — <sup>44</sup> *“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”*

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**C.** The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking pearls.

**Matthew 13:45–46** — <sup>45</sup> *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”*

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**D.** The kingdom of heaven is like leaven working from within.

**Matthew 13:33** — <sup>33</sup> *He spoke another parable to them, “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened.””*

**THINK, PRAY and OBEY:**