



***“WHEN JESUS SPEAKS”***

**MATTHEW 13:10-17, 24-30, 36-43**

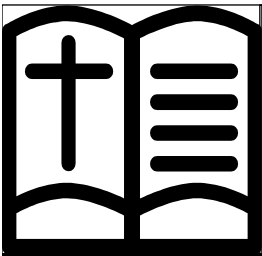
***I. THE FATHER SENT THE SON***

- A. To explain the Father John 1:18*
- B. To declare the good news of the restoration of the Kingdom Mark 1:14-15*
- C. To seek and to save that which was lost Luke 19:10*
- D. To be the Savior of the cosmos, its redeemer and its Sovereign John 3:16; 1 John 4:14; Col 1:15-20*
- E. To put an end to the tyranny of angelic powers, sin and rebellion that had captured human hearts*
- F. To restore the earth, the promised kingdom and fulfill the promises and prophecies made to Abraham and his offspring through the New Covenant Matt 5:17-20*
- G. To speak His final word Heb 1:1-3*

***II. AS GOD THE FATHER HAD DONE EARLIER, JESUS SELECTS THOSE TO WHOM HE WILL SPEAK***

**MATT 13:10-17**

- A. Speaking in parables; relatable stories of daily things to teach a kingdom meaning; these are reasonable but the meaning may be uncertain*
- B. The meanings were only given to the select group; this is revelation*
- C. But even this revelation can be missed*
- D. The key in this understanding is with God’s clarity and with man’s faith and trust in God; have, get more; not have, taken away*



*E. Even though they were hearing His teachings, they were not understanding them; seeing His life, they did not get it; therefore He simplified them in parables vv. 13-15 Compare with John 3:3-12*

*F. But to these in whom He had awakened faith, the meanings were going to be explained! vv. 16-17*

**III. THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER, THE WHEAT AND THE TARES vv. 18-23 and 24-30**

*A. Two parables of the sower with different meanings*

*B. The first parable is not identified with the kingdom of heaven: the seed is the Word of God and the soils are the types of people who hear it*

*C. The second parable using the tares describes the kingdom of heaven: the seed this time is the sons of the kingdom (people who have heard and believed) and the tares are likewise people but those whose allegiance is with the Devil*

*D. Both parables describe a world in which both believing and unbelieving folk coexist; believing does not equal good; presence does not equal belief*

- 1. There is not nor will there be, short of Jesus' glorious appearing, a cooperative, complementary and perfect nation state or church; no utopias; no place in which righteousness is paramount or outstanding*
- 2. Truth must be told if we are to have honest, humble people*
- 3. We must live our lives knowing that both coexist*
- 4. It is the Jesus of Revelation who will judge this*