

Ears Wide Open.

Matthew 13

Matthew 13:9 (AMP)

“He who has ears [to hear], let him be listening and consider, and perceive and comprehend by hearing.”

Matthew 13:1-3 (NASB) 1 That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea. 2 And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach. 3 And He spoke many things to them in parables,

Matthew 13:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

Matthew 13:11 (NASB)

¹¹ 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.

Two reasons Jesus spoke in parables

1 – To reveal a secret about heavenly things.

2 – To conceal a secret about heavenly things.

Matthew 13:13-16 (NASB)

"Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. "In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE; 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.'

16 "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 (NASB)

⁸ Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

⁹ *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

¹⁰ and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

Hebrews 3:7-11 (NASB)

⁷ Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

⁸ DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME, AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

⁹ WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED *Me* BY TESTING *Me*, AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.

¹⁰ "THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS';

¹¹ AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'"

Matthew 13:11-12 (NASB)

¹¹ 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.

¹² "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.