Mat 143

God’s plan was developed for the Believer to gain maturity & blessings in time.

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/Mat 13:15 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.’\

The Jews were going to be fully engulfed into that 5th cycle of discipline by AD 70.

In Isaiah’s day they were about to go into it for the first time [586-516 BC], and therefore there is a parallel situation between the Jews in Isaiah’s day and the Jews in The Lord’s day. This is why Jesus quotes from Isaiah, He is anticipating the second administration of the 5th cycle of discipline — *“By hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand.”* Hearing means to get it; not understand means they rejected it and therefore it went from them. REPEAT

Apathy & arrogance.

As always the multifaceted diamond of scripture points us to a time of history during the prophet Isaiah and looking forward to not only the age of the Hypostatic Union….God in His humanity but also touching deep into the CA we live in today.

/ (Time of Isaiah & the Jews currently rejecting Christ) They understood the gospel; they rejected it — that is, the Unbel. But in Isaiah’s day there were Jews who were born again, and they heard doctrine, they understood doctrine, and then they forgot it because they didn’t operate in that doctrine. This speaks to Church Age Bels who also fall away after salvation.\ ELABORATE

*“and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive”* — both not understand and not perceive means that it didn’t stay with them, they didn’t use it.

It is that winning lottery ticket that stays in your pocket until it is destroyed in laundry!

/[Mat 13:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/16/s_942016) “But blessed (*happiness/divine contentment*) are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.\

[Mat 13:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/17/s_942017) “For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see *it,* and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it.*

/Mat 13:17 - Touches on several meanings, one is that O.T. saints like Moses, Abraham and David were not privy to mystery doctrine and the other is a warning of the Bels who were apathic or arrogant toward teaching when it was right in front of them.\

This was something I wanted to clarify last lesson and didn’t fully get to it. This speaks to apathy and arrogance and that is alive and well in every generation. But it also meant mystery doctrine was veiled until this moment in history. REPEAT

CA Bels are about to be given great privilege as TLJC opens up these kingdom mysteries.

Now I want to quickly read right thru to verse 23 because we have already covered what the parables meant and we have touched on TLJC explaining the meaning to His future church leaders in the past 3 or 4 lessons.

Mat 13:18 “Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil *one* comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. ( UNBEL )

[Mat 13:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/20/s_942020) “The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

(Baby Bel who fails after the honeymoon period)

[Mat 13:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/21/s_942021) yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

[Mat 13:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/22/s_942022) “And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

(thorns speaks to challenges and distractions designed by Satan to pull a seasoned Bel away from the word.)

[Mat 13:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/23/s_942023) “And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”

(We noted the fruit of the spirit in relation to a Bel reaching stages of spiritual growth.)

What I want to touch on today before moving on to the next parable is –

/[Mat 13:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/16/s_942016) “But blessed (*happiness/divine contentment*) are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.\

This is a blessing that CA Bels are privy too.

This is the point, OT saints ….were either not taught the mystery doctrine or it was there, but veiled because God was waiting for the physical presence of the TLJC in His humanity to introduce it. And the CA would kick off at the Cross on Calvary with the initiation of the CA Bels being indwelt at the day of Pentecost and from that day forward. REPEAT

This is why you hear that phrase, that the CA is really unique.

Turn to Colossians chapter one.

Now just like spiritual growth there can be levels to your divine happiness.

/Because God’s happiness is derived from spiritual growth just like the fruit of the Spirit, which are all intertwined, this means the Bel should not expect this to drop in their lap at the moment of salvation. It is secured in eternity past and filled in your positional sanctification just like all your escrow blessing were, but there needs to be growth for the functional application.\

REPEAT

I think you understand that without spiritual growth you have no abilities in the sense that as a Bel you have weapons and tools to use in your daily life. But due to lack of maturity they are not at your disposal.

This is one of the prison epistles written by Paul during his first stint behind bars in Roman capitivity….it is a letter that deals with a lot of the secular wisdom infecting that church.

It was a mixture of Greek philosophy and a dabbling in Asian Mysticism that the scholars of that day began to preach alongside the gospel of Christ…some of this later carried on to become denominations we know today.

So the Apostle Paul is lifting them up and straightening out the false concepts now coming into the church that I believe Epaphras was in charge of in Colossae.

/Col 1:9 For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it,* we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask **that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will** (*thelēma*)in all **spiritual wisdom** and **understanding**,\

THAY-LEE-MA speaks to God’s will but how it is written even in looking at the root words that make up this Greek noun, points us to a divine purpose or plan.

In fact, it is almost always exclusively used in the NT as God’s desire or will but it means part of HIS plans and within HIS commands and doctrines. REPEAT

This is not just simply meaning *yeah…God wants this to happen*…it is part of HIS grand design and purpose it is doctrinal at its very core. (doctrine means a creed or a policy something like a law.)

This means all Bels should be serious about what God has designed for them.

This is related to CA mystery doctrine…living in that divine happiness at the highest level.

/*To be filled with the knowledge (epignōsis)of His will* – full and divine knowledge, complete only by our union with Christ and the intake of Bible Doctrine.

 *ginōskō* speaks to knowledge received, *epignōsis* is the completion through faith and the filling power of Holy Spirit.\

The Apostle Paul is speaking to Bels…

The grand design for the CA is to reach levels of maturity and in doing so they achieve levels of blessings related to capacity and find divine contentment and this is true happiness…not pseudo happiness what the cosmic system offers.

/[Col 1:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/1/10/s_1108010) so that you will **walk in a manner worthy** of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, **bearing fruit in every good work** and **increasing in the knowledge** of God;\

This is what we have been learning…the steps of spiritual growth. It is about bearing fruit and we all grow at our pace.

This is what God has designed and desired for all Bels.

[/Col 1:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/1/11/s_1108011) strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, **for the attaining** of all **steadfastness** and **patience**; joyously\

Anyone who believes in TLJC can attain maturity…they can attain divine happiness and grow to become what God designed them to be.

[Col 1:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/1/12/s_1108012) giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

We share in everything TLJC has…everything He represents we have it in our position…today!

Bels just need to be aware of the pitfalls that the cosmic system has in place for us.

Distractions….false doctrines…people and situations designed to wear us down, cause us grief and doubt our relationship with God.

This first parable was not only an introduction to mystery doctrine but a strong warning that Bels will fall away…that there are levels to spiritual growth.

That apathy and arrogance are stumbling blocks for Bels.

We all go through it… we all deal with it so let’s inspire and lift one another up.

Remove the negativity and keep steady in your walk with God…if you fall get back up…rebound and keep moving forward.

As we get ready to close this lesson on the first parable….

The rest of the parables in this chapter fall into three categories.

First category: mixed.

/First is a mixed category we have Bels and Unbels pictured as living together during the time that Christ is absent from the earth. This involves the wheat and the tares, the good and bad fish, and so on. \

REPEAT

Second category:

/The 2nd category deals with the unsaved people only. The Unbels in the Church Age and in the Tribulation. For example, the mustard seed, (Church Age Unbels) the leaven, (Tribulation period Unbels).\

The third category:

/ 3rd is the saved category, and these parables deal with Bels only during the time that Christ is absent from the earth — the parable of the treasure deals with Israel during the Tribulation and the restoration, the parable of the pearl deals with the Church Age.\

There are teachers and Theologians that will say this covers more than just that or less then just that….. but all in all, this is what the next few parables will be touching on. The lessons hold true in any age really.

My job is to teach what the HS reveals to me in my studies and feed you all to the best of my ability.

Now to end today lets just note a few principles as we close;

/Apathy & arrogance not only blind the Unbel toward truth but they are the prime reasons why many Bels peel away after salvation. A lazy mental attitude sets in and cosmic distractions or problems pull the Bel away from consistent study.\

Sometimes it is mixture of both or just one. Arrogance tells us we know better or that we don’t need to be serious and apathy means some form of laziness has set into our soul structure.

/God’s grand design is perfect and for CA Bels it means staying active in His plan so that growth develops and we begin to display fruit in our lives. This in turn can only led a Bel toward blessing (divine happiness) which means a mental attitude that is calm, strong & content no matter what!\

ELABORATE

/No one is your spiritual police officer and no pastor or leader should be your fruit examiner. Growth and your lifestyle choices remain between you & God. The capacity that comes from real spiritual growth can release blessings & rewards already established and set into an escrow account millions of years ago!\