Mat 139

Distracted and burdened by cosmic assaults

Shout and thanks to Revell and James & Cameron I appreciate the support in so many different ways….if I start a brick and mortar church I already have some deacons lined up with these gentlemen.

You can turn back into Matthew chapter 13 as we get ready to finish up the parable of the sower.

The interesting principle you can always note in how TLJC dealt with situations and people was that it was always connected to Biblical standards and principles already mentioned in OT.

The Bible is the end all be all of answers and solutions.

/Psa 78:2 I will open my mouth in a **parable** (*mashal*); I will utter dark sayings of old,

This was a metaphor/analogy of something similar used to describe a lesson or an event. Also used for *proverb*, *byword* or *discourse* & *likeness*\

This Hebrew word is used many times in OT to describe likeness or similarities in something or someone but it isn’t always written in this form of *parable* as we see in NAS BIBLE.

REPEAT

/The fact is Jesus (humanity) relied upon God’s standards, God’s principles and God’s word as the answer for life’s struggles, questions and solutions as the example for all of us to follow. Mystery doctrine would be something ‘*new*’ but was actually always in place inside the plan of God, it just needed to be fully revealed (understood).\

You see a mystery is often times right in front of you but it just needs a light shined on it and someone to acknowledge it or reveal it.

Everything was there for OT Bels to learn from and God knew the stubbornness of man’s heart would be a driving force that the KOD would tap into to keep mankind blinded.

This is why the warning that pops up in NT teaching was from prophets like Isaiah.

/Isa 6:9 He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on **listening**, but **do not perceive**; Keep on **looking**, but do not **understand**.’

This was the prophecy that many would not understand truth and accept Christ because of arrogance. Also, this would be a prelude to the coming Mystery Doctrine of the CA.\

The nation of Israel struggled with the ten commandments and the early teachings of men like Moses and that was just the beginning of mankind’s rejection of truth. Scripture holds so many prophetic and duel meanings;

/[Isa 6:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/isa/6/10/s_685010) “Render the **hearts of this people insensitive**, **their ears dull**, and their **eyes dim**, otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, **understand with their hearts**, and return and be healed.”\

(look at slide!!!!!!!!!)

God knew in eternity past that allowing free will to angels and human beings would lead to rebellion yet God allowed for this. WHY?

 Because when all is said and done and final judgment strikes the earth no one will be able to say they didn’t have choices…that God wasn’t fair, that He didn’t allow enough time…none of that will stand in the divine courtroom.

So looking at parables now we can note they have a firm root in Biblical standards yet they appear new to the crowds.

And parables will be a defining description of the kingdom to come pointing us to the end times but also hold great value for CA Bels right now.

Jump back into Matt 13:5;

Mat 13:5 Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

[Mat 13:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/6/s_942006) “But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

/[Mat 13:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/7/s_942007) “Others **fell among the thorns**, and the thorns came up and **choked them out**.\

[Mat 13:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/8/s_942008) “And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

[Mat 13:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/9/s_942009) “He who has ears, let him hear.”

Several of the parables TLJC offered immediate answers for His Apostles later on while other parables would be reminders later on as these men grew in their apostleship and became church leaders.

This particular lesson is again pointing us to a Bel and this time a Bel with some doctrine under his/her belt.

 Yet this Bel now becomes choked out…this means they stall or stop at a certain point…no more forward motion.

/Mat 13:22 “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**.\

The devil’s world and all the trappings and struggles and distractions in it finally get this Bel away from BD.

Unfruitful is a big issue it is the main portion of the spiritual life…what do you produce after salvation?

Much of this goes back to our lessons in Matthew chapter 6;

/ Mat 6:24 “No one can serve **two masters**; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be **devoted to one** and **despise the other**. You cannot serve God and **wealth**.

(Wealth can be- business, power, relationships, hobbies, family, etc.)\

Turn to Joshua chapter 7 so we can see how easy it is for the lust of our flesh and the shiny objects in the devil’s world to distract us.

Many of you know the triumph of Joshua as a warrior for the Lord and the story of the walls of Jericho falling down…well this was the command from God about what Joshua’s men were allowed to do and what they were forbidden to do.

It is plainly covered in Chapter 6.

/Jos 6:18 “But as for you, only keep yourselves from the things under the **ban** (*cherem*), so that **you do not covet *them*** and take some of the things under the ban, and make the camp of Israel accursed and bring trouble on it.\

That Hebrew word HEY-RIM means to be set apart…devoted or consecrated and its root word meant a curse something that if you touch or break it brings forth a curse. DESTRUCTION! REPEAT

A simple and basic order to follow… do not touch certain things after you conquer these people and do not take for yourself any of the riches. God put a ban on certain things.

**/**[Jos 6:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jos/6/19/s_193019) “But all the **silver** and **gold** and articles of **bronze and iron** are holy to the LORD; they shall **go into the treasury** of the LORD.”\

Notice every soldier of this new Jewish army under Joshua’s authority were told about the ban…this was an order by God not Joshua keeping something for himself. STRICT COMMAND!

Now look at Joshua 7 verse 19;

Jos 7:19 Then Joshua said to (AH-CON) Achan, “My son, I implore you, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me.”

Achon was from the tribe of Judah...his name actually was a Hebrew term for trouble or problems, and God allowed a military defeat shortly after Achan had hidden these treasures and this is what woke Joshua up to the fact that one of his men was a thief. A BELIEVER!

Jos 7:20 So (AH-CON) Achan answered Joshua and said, “Truly, I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and this is what I did:

/[Jos 7:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jos/7/21/s_194021) when I saw among the spoil **a beautiful mantle from Shinar** and two hundred shekels of **silver and a bar** of **gold** fifty shekels in weight, then **I coveted them** and took them; and behold, they are concealed in the earth inside my tent with the silver underneath it”\

Achon was a Bel led astray by the lust of the eyes… all the worldly possession that the cosmic system tells us will make us happy.

Jos 7:22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was concealed in his tent with the silver underneath it.

[Jos 7:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jos/7/23/s_194023) They took them from inside the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the sons of Israel, and they poured them out before the LORD.

Joshua knew the protocol when sin was evident…you wash it clean...bring it before the Lord and throw it down!

[Jos 7:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jos/7/24/s_194024) Then Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and all that belonged to him; and they brought them up to the valley of Achor.

[Jos 7:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jos/7/25/s_194025) Joshua said, “Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day.” And all Israel stoned them with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

Harsh ending and a different dispensation but none the lesson written for our benefit.

Flip back into the NT…2 Timothy chapter 4 with me.

/The devil’s world is designed to tickle your emotions and inflame your OSN. Satan doesn’t care if it is misery, lust, greed or envy he plays on all emotions so that the human race is busy with the distractions of his system and not focused on the truth of scripture.\

ELABORATE weak areas we all have!

In 2Timothy the Apostle Paul is facing his last days…he knows his time is up.

2Ti 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

[2Ti 4:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/4/7/s_1129007) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

[2Ti 4:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/4/8/s_1129008) in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. 9 Make every effort to come to me soon;

Verse 8 tells us right there that there are rewards and crowns awaiting the winners.

That blessing of the crown of righteousness is for being a faithful teacher of the word.

/[2Ti 4:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/4/10/s_1129010) **for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me** and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.\

CRAS-CASE was one of the 70 disciples chosen for the early church mission field.

Demas was also a loyal follower and had rank and authority in the ancient world.

In other words, people…Unbels respected him in the business and local community. His name had authority in the meaning of it…. like a title.

Paul is now in prison again under Roman captivity and Demas who had been a friend or a deacon really for his ministry is now gone.

There is about a 6 year span between Paul writing Colossians and then this point in 2 Timothy…what happened to Demas?

/Col 4:14 Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and ***also* Demas**

A loyal member of the disciples and assistant to Paul at certain points in his ministry. Men like Luke & Demas were assistants (deacons) to Paul’s ministry.\

Was the city of Thessalonica too much for him?

This city was as popular and important for the Roman Empire as Corinth and Ephesus….it was thriving and alive with people and business. Thessalonica was named after the sister of Alexander the Great.

There was probably between 80 to 100,000 people living in that city at this historic point. For the ancient world that was a large number and showed the popularity and prominence of this city on the Macedonia shore line.

It was the Roman capital of Macedonia.

/Demas being an assistant under Paul would have been like a deacon or a pastor in training similar to Luke or Titus and yet 6 years in between Colossians and 2nd Timothy and Demas had drifted off into cosmic distractions. Thessalonica was a bustling and exciting city with great opportunities and new friendships to pursue.\

The Apostle Paul took it in stride he had been let down before…but this is not to say it didn’t hurt…it is simply the principle of Matthew chapter 13 and the seed that got choked out that Paul was well aware of.

Distractions and temptations are always going to pop up.

Just like problems and attacks will come in our path from time to time…it is what you do after they pop up that matters.

/1Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as **is common to man**; and God is faithful, who **will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able**, but with the temptation will provide **the way of escape** also, so that you will be able **to endure it**. 14 Therefore, my beloved, **flee from idolatry.\**

Everyone deals with temptation and new relationships and distractions that is common to every Bel.

There is nothing you or I go thru that some other Bel in the past 2 thousand years hasn’t dealt with before.

God will **not allow a positive Bel** to be tempted beyond what they can handle and when the temptation arises God will leave an avenue of escape or a way for you and I to endure through the situation by using BD. REPEAT ELABORATE ***positive!!!!!***

/The negative Bel who has continually rejects the plan of God will feel overwhelmed under the devil’s distractions and temptations this will end with that Bel succumbing completely to cosmic viewpoint & satanic agendas or finally turning back toward God.\

One thing or the other will happen…the old saying is tragedy and difficulties never leave a person the same.

They will either change for the better or for the worse.

/Everyone (Bel / Unbel) will be challenged and face tragedy or problems at certain points, this is a reality of the flawed system left to the human race after the fall in the Garden. The difference is the Bel who maintains a steady pace inside the plan of God will have greater rewards & growth as well as divine protection.\

The Unbel has nothing to cling onto except satanic viewpoint and in the end they will face judgement that will be final and harsh if they have never believed on TLJC.

For the negative Bel they have made choices to be independent from God therefore God will give them what they want…independence from Him and His plan.

No one should be upset when you get what you have wanted and what your choices have led you to receive. REPEAT