

The Parable of the Soils

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Context: "The Parabolic Discourse"

³⁴ All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world." (Matt. 13:34-35)

Why a shift in Jesus' teaching style to _____? (13:10-17; Isaiah 6)

1. The parables " _____ " us.
2. The parables _____ to those who "have ears to hear".
3. The parables _____ to those who do not.

Thus, they are – as they were in the Old Testament – instruments of God's _____ on the unbelief of some and instruments of divine _____ for those who believed.

Jesus had been preaching the _____ of the _____ and performing many miracles for over a year now.

As he did, we saw _____ vastly different were the responses to him:

Disciples:

Most people:

Pharisees:

Now, Jesus explains _____ people respond as they do, and he does in the form of a parable.

Matthew 13:1-9

The " _____ " tells us something about the _____ ...

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Specifically, we're told _____ we respond and _____ we respond that way.

"He who has ears, let him hear." (Matthew 13:9)

"Take care then how you hear ..." (Luke 8:18)

Heart 1 – The Hardened Soil

Some respond _____.

Why?

Matthew 13:19

Heart 2 – The Rocky Soil

Some respond _____.

Why?

Matthew 13:20-21

Heart 3 – The Thorny Soil

Some respond _____.

Why?

Matthew 13:22

Heart 4 – The Good Soil

Some respond _____.

Why?

Matthew 13:23

Conclusion:

What's *my* response to Jesus the King?