

Church Sub Theme for 2019-21: “What’s The Church Supposed To Be Like?!” (Problems in the Church)

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Sermon Outline

- a. It did not have enough soil so that it could take root, v-5b
- b. The sun caused it to soon wither away, v-6; Lk. 8:6
3. Some Seed fell **among the thorns**, v-7; Lk. 8:7 --tough thistle bearing weeds
4. Some Seed fell on **the good soil**, v-8
 - a. It yielded a crop, v-8a
 - b. It was a very fruitful crop, v-8b

B. The Lord Calls For Those Listening To discern The Meaning Of The Parable, v-9

IV. THE LORD’S DISCIPLES QUESTION HIM AS TO WHY HE IS NOW USING PARABLES, v-10; Mk. 4:10

- A. The Lord Told His Disciples That It Was Only Granted To Them To Know The Mysteries Of The Kingdom Of Heaven, v-11a; Mk. 4:11a
 1. God is revealing His secrets
 2. The Kingdom of Heaven (God)
--Period between Christ’s First and Second Coming –Church Age!

B. The Lord Told His Disciples That It Had Not Been Granted To Unbelievers to Know God’s Secrets, v-11b; Mk. 4:11b

C. The Lord Questions The Level Of His Disciple’s Understanding, Mk. 4:13

D. God Will Continue To Give Understanding To Genuine Believers, v-12a

E. God Will Block Unbelievers From Understanding His Truth, v-12b --Even what they knew in the O. T. would no longer be clear to them.

- F. God Was Exercising Judgment On The Rejecting Nation As Isaiah Predicted, v-13-15
1. God keeps them from really seeing, v-13a
 2. God keeps them from understanding, v-13b
 3. God was fulfilling what Isaiah had predicted v-14, 15
 4. God was also being merciful in not allowing them to reject more truth, thus receiving even greater judgment, v-14, 15

V. THE LORD INFORMS HIS BELIEVING DISCIPLES OF HOW BLESSED THEY ARE, v-16, 17

A. They Could Truly See And Understand, v-16

B. They Were Hearing And Seeing Things That Many Prophets And Righteous Men Longed To See And Hear, But Did Not, v-17
--The days of the Son of God on Earth!