

Matthew 13:1-23

DFH Worship Translation

¹ On that day Jesus went out of the house and sat down beside the sea.

² And great crowds gathered near him, so he got into a boat to sit down, and the whole crowd stood upon the shore.

³ And he told them many things in parables, saying, “Behold, the sower went out to sow.

⁴ And in his sowing, some fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.

⁵ And other [seed] fell upon the rocky ground where it did not have much soil and straight away it sprang up on account of its not having depth of soil;

⁶ and after [the] sun rose, it was scorched and dried up because it did not have root.

⁷ And other [seed] fell upon the thorns, and the thorns went up and choked them.

⁸ And other [seeds] fell upon good soil and gave fruit, the one a hundred, the other sixty, [and] the other thirty.

⁹ The one who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁰ Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?”

¹¹ And he answered and said to them, “That to you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens, but to those it has not been given.

¹² For whoever has, it will be given to him, and it will be in abundance, and whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

¹³ I speak to them in parables that while seeing they do not see and while hearing they do not hear nor do they understand.

¹⁴ And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says:
[In] hearing they will hear but by no means understand,
and while seeing they will see and by no means perceive.

¹⁵ For the heart of this people has grown thick
and to the ears they heard with difficulty,
and they closed their eyes lest they might see with the eyes,
and they might hear with the ears,
and with the heart they might understand and turn back
—and I will heal them.

¹⁶ But blessed [are] the eyes of you that they see and the ears of you that they hear.

¹⁷ For, amen I say to you, that many prophets and righteous ones long to see what you see and they did not see and to hear what you hear and did not hear.

¹⁸ Therefore, hear the parable of the sower.

¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand, the evil one comes and snatches what has been sown in his heart, this one is the [seed] that was sown beside the path,

²⁰ and the [seed] that been sown upon the rocky ground, this one is the [one] who hears the word and straight away with joy receives it,

²¹ but he has not root in himself but is transitory, and when tribulation and persecution on account of the word take place, straight away he is scandalized.

²² And what was sown in the thorns, this one is the [one] who hears the word and the anxiety of the age and the deception of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²³ But the [seed] having been sown upon the good soil, this one is the [one] who hears the word and understands, who indeed bears fruit and who produces the one a hundred, the other sixty, [and] the other thirty.

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