

BSF Scripture for Matthew Lesson #13

FIRST DAY:

1. Read the lesson notes and References

SECOND DAY:

Read Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Parable of the Sower

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Question 8

John 15:5; [5] And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders

Phillipians 2:12-13; Shining as Stars

[12] Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God

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who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

FOURTH DAY

Read Matthew 13:10-17; Isaiah 6:9-10

[10] The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

[11] He replied, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. [12] Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. [13] This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

[14] In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

[15] For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.’

[16] But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. [17] For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

Isaiah 6:9-10

[9] He said, “Go and tell this people:

“Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’

[10] Make the heart of this people calloused;

make their ears dull
and close their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

FIFTH DAY

Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Parable of the Weeds

[24] Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. [25] But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. [26] When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

[27] “The owner's servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

[28] “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

[29] “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. [30] Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

[36] Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

[37] He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. [38] The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39] and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.[40] “As

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the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. [41] The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. [42] They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43] Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

SIXTH DAY

Review Matthew 13:1-30, 36-43

See scripture in days 2-5