

## **The Seven Parables of Matthew 13:**

- 1. The Parable of the Sower** (Matthew 13:3–9, 18–23)  
Illustrates how the Word of God is received differently by various hearts—some reject it, some accept it temporarily, and some bear lasting fruit.
- 2. The Parable of the Tares** (Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43)  
Shows the coexistence of the righteous and the wicked during the Church Age, with final separation at the end of the age.
- 3. The Parable of the Mustard Seed** (Matthew 13:31–32)  
Depicts the Kingdom of Heaven starting small but growing into a large, influential entity, offering refuge to many.
- 4. The Parable of the Leaven** (Matthew 13:33)  
Represents the Kingdom's pervasive, transformative influence—like yeast spreading through dough—though leaven can symbolize both good and evil depending on context.
- 5. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure** (Matthew 13:44)  
Emphasizes the immense value of the Kingdom: one who finds it will joyfully sacrifice all to possess it.
- 6. The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price** (Matthew 13:45–46)  
Similar to the hidden treasure, it portrays the Kingdom as a priceless treasure worth any sacrifice.
- 7. The Parable of the Dragnet** (Matthew 13:47–50)  
Describes the final judgment, where angels will separate the wicked from the righteous, just as fishermen sort good fish

from bad.