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MATTHEW 13:3-52

1. **The parable of the Sower, the seed, and the soil.** *This reveals our heart's receptivity to His Word*.
   - Matthew 13:3–23 This is the main parable through we can understand all the other Kingdom parables. (Mark 4:13)
   - The four conditions of the heart determine how the message of the Kingdom is received and whether it produces fruit.

2. **The parable of the wheat and the tares.** *The Kingdom operates in a world where the enemy opposes the Kingdom of God*.
   - Matthew 13:24–30, (Explanation 36–43)
   - The Kingdom advances in a world where good and evil coexist until the Day of the LORD, God's appointed time of judgment. (Examples: Joel 2:1; Zephaniah 1:14; Malachi 4:1–2; 2 Peter 3)

3. **The parable of the mustard seed.** *Although the Kingdom begins in seed form, it will expand far beyond what its beginnings would ever suggest!*
   - Matthew 13:31–32
   - The Kingdom begins small and insignificant but develops into something eternal and powerful.

4. **The parable of the yeast.** *The Kingdom spreads from within*.
   - Matthew 13:33
   - When you embrace God's Kingdom, it may start unnoticed, but its power keeps working until it transforms every area of your life! Our part is to let it work!

5. **The parable of the hidden treasure.** *Acquiring the Kingdom is worth everything*.
   - Matthew 13:44

- The treasure was *always* there but it has to be discovered. <u>When we find it no sacrifice and surrender is too much</u>!

6. **The parable of the net.** *The Kingdom is moving toward a day when God will separate good from evil once and for all!*
   - Matthew 13:47–50
   - The Kingdom isn't just about bringing people in… it's also about a final day when God will <u>set everything right and separate evil once for all</u>. (See the scriptures on the Day of the LORD, number 2)

7. **Our responsibility.** *Understanding (embracing) the Kingdom produces Kingdom responsibility.*
   - Matthew 13:51–52
   - Concerning the Kingdom parables, Jesus asks His disciples a very important question, "*<u>Have you understood all these things</u>?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied.*
   - Once we begin to understand the Kingdom, we become responsible for what we've received.

. . . Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned,
be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless
and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

(2 Peter 3)
