

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

HEARING THE GOSPEL

LESSON 2.

OBJECTIVE: To teach the importance of hearing the gospel with an open heart, and obeying it!

PARABLES:

I. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HEARING:

- A. *The parable of the Sower:* Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23
Mark 4:1-8, 13-20
Luke 8:4-8, 11-15

- B. *The Setting:* What is the background of the parable? How long had Jesus' ministry been to this point? Where was He teaching? Whom? Give a brief background.

- C. State in a few words what the central teaching is.

- D. Understanding the parable.

1. With what word does Mark begin the story?

2. How does Mark end it?

3. What does the seed represent?

4. What does the sower represent?

5. What does the ground in general represent?

6. What does the wayside ground represent?

7. What does the rocky ground represent?

8. What does the thorny gound represent?

9. What does the good ground represent?

II. HEARING PLUS DOING!

A. *The Parable of the builders: Matt.7:24-27*

Luke 6:46-49

B. *The Setting:* Briefly relate the geography and weather conditions of Palestine which

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would have a bearing on this parable.

C. What is the central theme of this parable?

D. Understanding the parable:

1. Who is the wise builder?

2. Who is the foolish builder?

3. What is the house?

4. What are some reasons why **WE** often fail to practice what **WE** hear? _____

5. What does the time of testing represent?

CONCLUSION:

Find some other scriptures which teach the same principles as these two parables.

Additional Notes: