

**Sermon Notes**

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**Title: SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM**

**Main Text:** Mat 13:10-17

**Sermon Description:** The third discourse of Matthew unfolds in 7 parables. Setting the stage for the theological significance of this method of Christ's teaching, as well as the intrinsic truths contained in the parables, is an insert of explanatory purposes standing between the parable of the sower and its interpretation to the disciples (10-17). The JFB commentary notes: "To the parables of our Lord, there is nothing in all language to be compared, for simplicity, grace, fulness, and variety of spiritual teaching. They are adapted to all classes and stages of advancement, being understood by each according to his spiritual capacity." Sproul says: "Most of Jesus' parables are clear, but they also contain a depth of meaning that only one with a right relationship to Jesus can comprehend."

**HEADING: ACCORDING TO CHRIST'S OWN COMMENTARY, PARABLES ARE:**

**1. A LANGUAGE OF THE ELECT** (Mat 13:10-11)

- a. Misconceptions addressed      b. Underscored by parallel (Mk 4:10-12, Lk 8:10)      c. Mystery (I Cor 2:6-10)

**2. A POLARIZING DEVICE** (Mat 13:12-13)

- a. Modern evaluations      b. A verbal winnowing fork (Mat 3:12)      c. 1 message, 2 aromas (II Cor 2:14-17)

**3. A PROPHETIC REALITY** (Mat 13:14-15)

- a. Unpopular by definition (Is 6:9-10)      b. Gospel vs. Society      c. Ministry of repentance or judgement

**4. AN EITHER/OR PROPOSITION** (Mat 13:15-16)

- a. Spiritual sense perception      b. No ambiguity      c. Turn and heal

**5. A SPECIAL REVELATION MILESTONE** (Mat 13:17)

- a. Predestination (Gen 3:22-23)      b. Prototype (Is 10:33-34)      c. Personification (Jn 15)      d. Perennial (Rv 22:14)

**CONCLUSION:** Heb 1:1-4 provides the apostolic interpretation of the significance of the 'secrets of the kingdom' through the Word of Jesus Christ. Lord, grant us eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand by Your sovereign, resurrecting, regenerating, sanctifying power!

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Theme:</b> The sower and seed	<b>Theme:</b> Elect language	<b>Theme:</b> Two aromas	<b>Theme:</b> Prophecy fulfilled	<b>Theme:</b> Either/ or	<b>Theme:</b> Revelation milestone
<b>Verses:</b> Mt 13:1-9	<b>Verses:</b> Mt 13:10-11, Mk 4:10-12	<b>Verses:</b> Mt 13:12-13, II Cor 2:14-17	<b>Verses:</b> Mt 13:14-15, Is 6:9-10	<b>Verses:</b> Mt 13:15-16	<b>Verses:</b> Mt 13:17, Jn 15:1-6