

parables:

~~secrets of the kingdom of heaven~~

simple truths

- Parables belong only in the Jewish culture
- Only one aim or moral to the story
- Christianity regards parables as “Jewish allegory”
- By Yeshua’s day, *mashal* meant parable, not riddle
- A parable is meant to explain the complex in more simple terms; things of the unseen spiritual world compared to the seen natural world



NOT RIDDLES

- Parables have one aim, not many to choose from
- Parables are intended to help us understand God
- The super-natural is portrayed using the natural
- John 14:9
- Yeshua is the “natural” thing that portrays what the Father is like

THE DISCIPLES ASK YESHUA A QUESTION



- *“Why are you speaking to them in parables...?”*
- The Parable of the Sower was not a cruel riddle told to the crowd
- The difference between the crowd and the disciples was trust in Yeshua
- Trusting equipped the disciples to understand deeper Kingdom truths
- The crowd would have understood the effects of the 4 soils on seeds

LIKE FOR LIKE

- Trust in God receives more trust
- Little trust reduces to none
- Knowledge of the spiritual word is a divine gift that comes with pre-conditions
- Many modern biblical scholars have great expertise, but don't know God, so their conclusions are wrong



P'SHAT

TRUST

TRUST

REMEZ

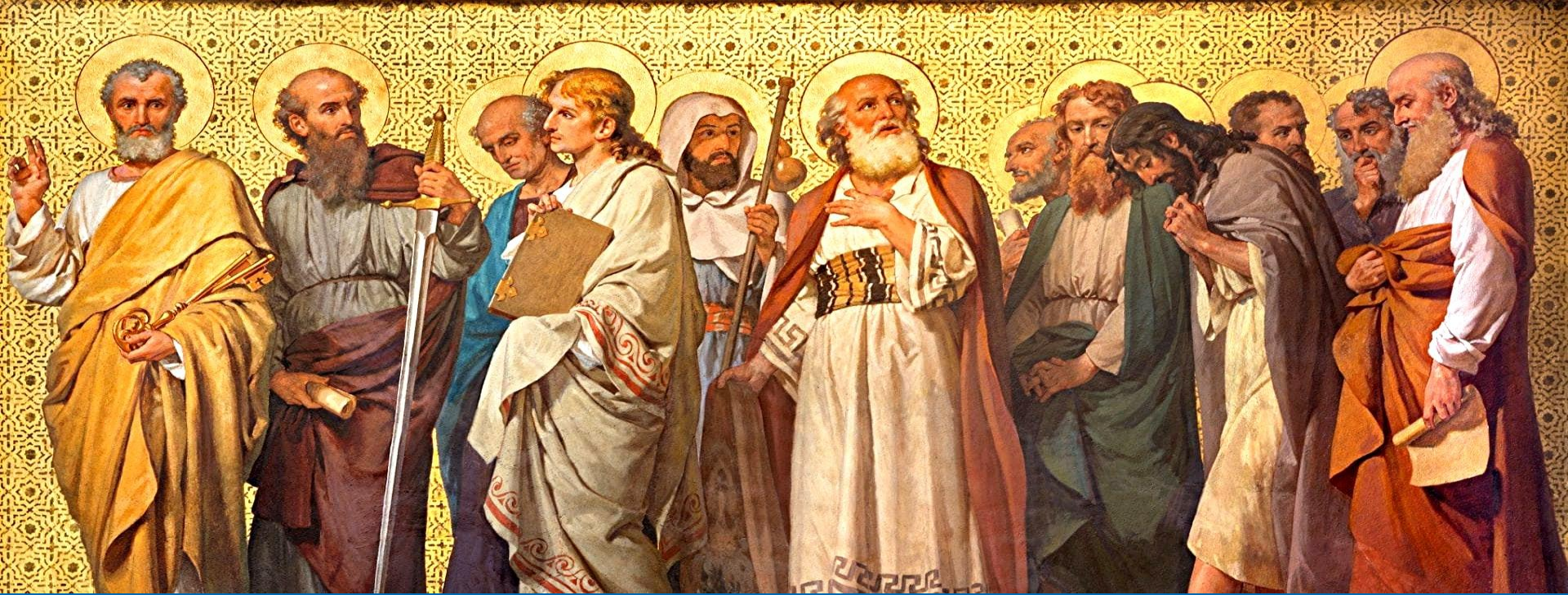
TRUST

NONE

SPIRITUALLY DEAF AND BLIND

- Trusting Christ enables us to understand the deeper mysteries of the Kingdom and the future
- Isaiah 6:9 – 10
- Isaiah seems to say that God will prevent some from repenting
- Christ seems to say that we prevent ourselves from repenting
- Disciples blessed with open ears and eyes
- As Believers we can know more about the End Times

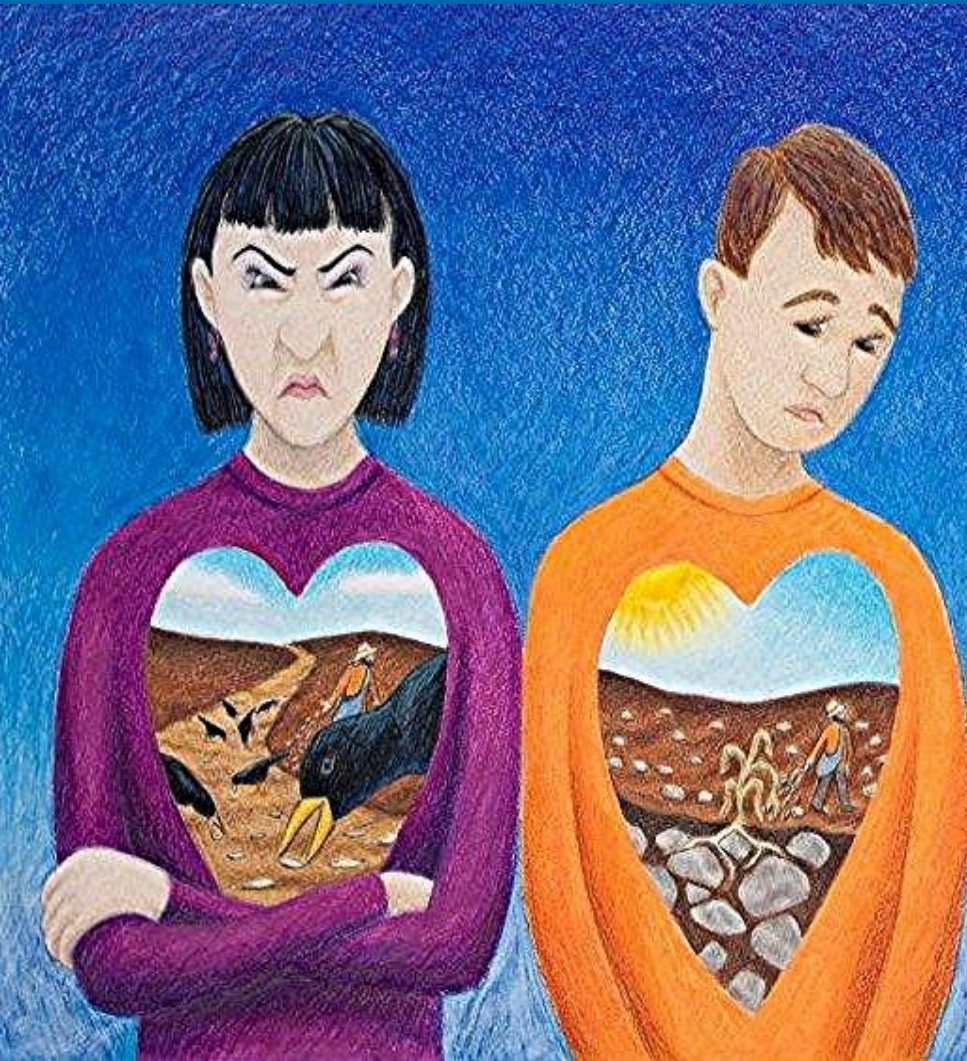




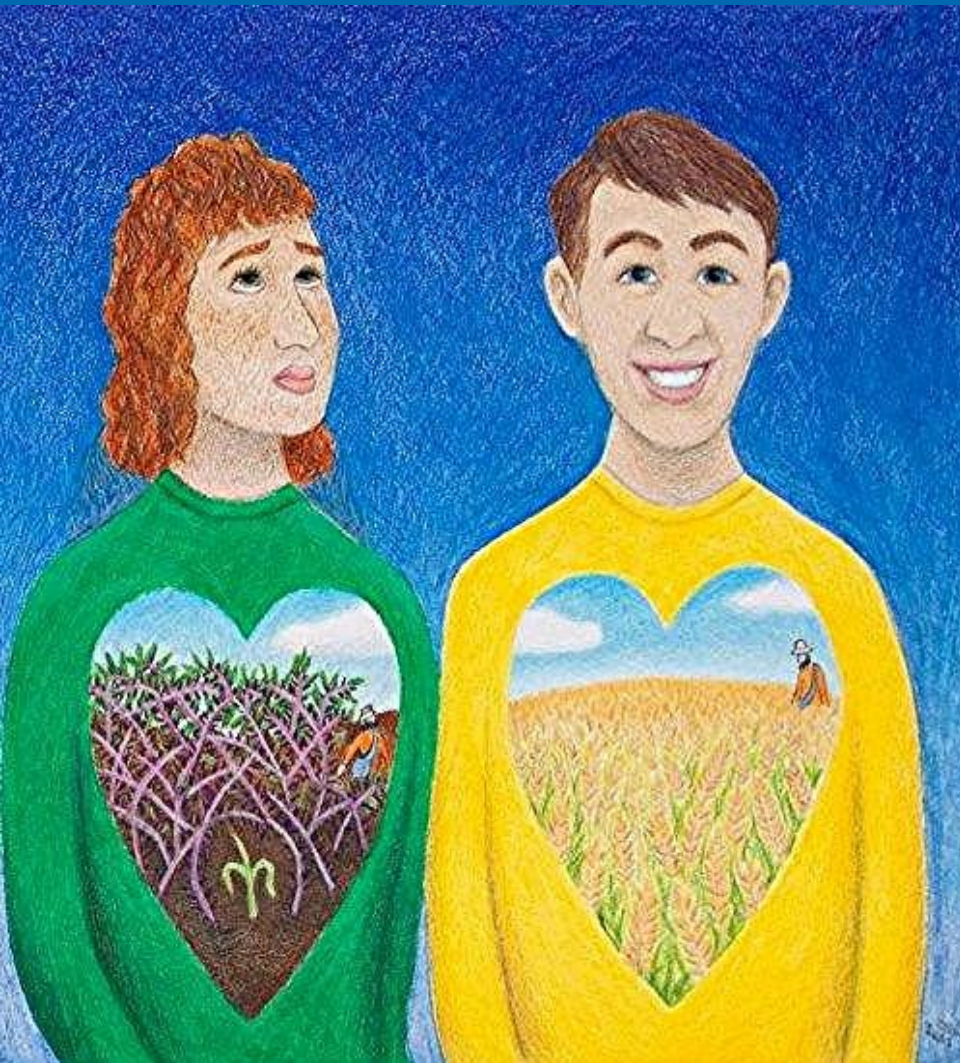
- We can NOT have correct knowledge of the Kingdom unless God gifts it to us
- This understanding is basic to all the Apostles
- Many Believers will learn about the Kingdom and the End Times, but never live to see it play out
- 1Peter 1:10 – 13
- Hebrews 11:12 – 13

HARD SOIL & ROCKY SOIL

- Seed = Word of God
- 4 soils = 4 types of hearers
- First: like a path or road
- Hard surface doesn't allow the seed to take root, so Satan comes and steals it
- Second: like rocky soil
- Seed begins to send out roots, but quickly the rocks overwhelm and the seedling dies



SOIL w/ WEEDS & SOIL IS FERTILE



- Third: soil full of weeds
- Seeds and weeds both thrive in good soil
- Growth is stunted
- Plant starts to look similar to the weeds
- Eventually produces nothing of value
- Fourth: fertile soil
- The soil nourishes the seed and it grows into a healthy plant
- The person multiplies what they have been given



It's up to you!

- The message of the Parable: the result of Good News depends entirely on the soil (the hearer) it lands on
- Yeshua told His disciples more than the parable
- Knowing fallen humanity, Christ knows that the disciples will not have broad success
- He is also telling the crowd that they will bear the blame for their ignorance of the Kingdom

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES

- Another agriculture based parable
- *“The Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to....”*
- The subject is evil and its prince
- The earth is now Satan’s kingdom
- Isaiah 14:12 – 14
- John 12:31
- Ephesians 2:1
- 2Corinthians 4:4
- 1John 5:19

