

The Heart of the Issue is the Heart

Matthew 13:1-23

(series #76)

Intro: Why is there so little genuine response to truth?

I. The Setting of the Parable vv. 1-2

- A. Matthew 12:23-34
- B. Mark 3:20-21

II. The Story of the Parable vv. 3-8

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- A. The Mystery Form of the Kingdom - Col. 1:13
- B. The Judgment of God on Israel - Jn 12:37-40

IV. The Specifics of the Parable vv. 18-23

- A. The Hard Heart v. 19
- B. The Shallow Heart vv. 20-21
 - 1. I John 2:19
 - 2. I Peter 1:5-7
- C. The Crowded Heart v. 22
- D. The Receptive Heart v. 23
 - 1. The Condition of the Heart
 - a. Romans 3:12
 - b. Jeremiah 17:9
 - 2. The Production of Fruit
 - a. Matthew 3:4-10
 - b. Psalm 1:1-3

Conclusion: What is the condition of your heart?