

Why Parables? — Part 2 (Matthew 13.10-17)

10-13 brief recap: Which is it: 1) v11: God's sovereignty, or 2) v13: human responsibility: YES!

14-15 J = prophecy fulfiller: He speaks/conceals to those who reject, reveals to those who receive Him.

[Is6.9-10](#): G not give this charge to Isaiah b/c *desirable*, but *inevitable*: calloused hearts, careless minds

J pointing out *history repeating self*: "We not like them." Yes! "Crowds" just as proud/hardened vs. G!
v15 "For" *because*: IOW this is a judgement, Gs response to their rejection of Messiah: revealer of Father
"Why parables?" B/c their heart is dull; the soil rejected/spit out the seed; ultimately: *Crucify Him!*
their rejection, J says, is prophecy being fulfilled!

Not enough just to hear/read: in one ear, out other. Scary! We can come every Sunday...

Go through motions, yet [7.21-23](#). Keeping religious-routine is not same as caring for X? Repent!

16-17 Think about the claim J is making, recall Mts mission. J: *I Am what they longed to see: Messiah!*

This is the reason He was killed. Some say, "*J never claimed to be G.*" He absolutely did!

Calls them "blessed": makarios! ¿*Why, b/c they're amazing/powerful/know all?* No! B/c they see the I Am
passive: G is Agent/Actor. In His grace granted eyes/ears: no boasting: gratitude/worship/share!

[\[Ep2.1-10\]](#); many worked up re: election: Gs treatment of lost. But if really care: *complain* Proclaim: [Ro10.17](#)

The focus isn't on *the blessed*—how blessed/endowed they are—but on *the Blesser* they're blessed by!

Q: *Am I blessed? Do I see/hear?* A: Is HS-fruit being born in you: love/joy/peace...! [Jn15.8,16](#)

¿Content w/religion or long to bear fruit that glorifies God? Repent! Pray for signs *makarios*-PnS lives
[Mt7.7](#) His Word to bear fruit, shape hearts/lives/behavior: ♥ what G ♥s: J/His Word/Bride

One thing certain: Hope in nothing but X: Gospel of Salvation! Prayerful humility/dependence/hope.

PRAY! for mission of X & His Word throughout the world: GC! G to open ears/eyes; use you!

BENEDICTION: *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.* —Nu6.24-26