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- I. <u>Matthew 13</u> 7 parables about the Kingdom of Heaven
 - A. <u>V10-11</u> Mysteries of the kingdom of heaven
 - 1. <u>Kingdom of Heaven</u> The foundational, principal component of heaven; the system or culture of heaven

B. Kingdom Culture

- 1. <u>**Culture</u>** *Webster* The set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices of a society, institution or organization.</u>
- II. Matt 13:3-9
 - A. <u>V3</u> <u>Sow</u> *spĕirō* To place or scatter seeds in ground for <u>future</u> growth

B. V7 - Some fell among the thorns

- 1. <u>Thorns</u> *akantha* A thorny plant; worthless weed, something unpleasant to be avoided
- 2. Some fell "Among" thorns
 - a) <u>Among</u> *ĕpi* A position within an area "<u>determined" by other objects</u> and distributed <u>among them</u>
- 3. Sprang up anabainō Increase in size by natural process; grow up, arise
- <u>Choked</u> *apŏpnigō* To cause the death of plants by other plants crowding them out, overwhelm or overshadowing them, to <u>inhibit</u> the action, function or development of something.

C. <u>V22</u> - "Thorns" that will choke the Word of God - Three "categories":

- 1. Cares of this world
 - a) Cares měrimna Concerned, anxious, worried, nervous
 - b) **World** *ai*on An age; unit of time or era; world system
 - (1) Cares root word means to divide, disunite
 - (2) James 1:5-8 (NKJV) Double-minded man, unstable in all his ways

2. Deceitfulness of Riches

- a) **<u>Riches</u>** *plŏutŏs* Wealth, money, possessions; root word to fill, furnish or fulfill
- b) <u>Deceitfulness</u> apatē Delusion, cheat, deceive or cause to have misleading or erroneous views about the truth
- c) <u>1 Timothy 6:10</u> (NKJV) 10 For the <u>love of money</u> is a root of all kinds of evil, <u>for which</u> some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
 - (1) **Love** *philarguria* Extreme love for money or wealth

d) Part of the curse

- (1) <u>Genesis 3:17–18 (NKJV)</u> 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': <u>"Cursed is the ground for</u> <u>your sake</u>; <u>In toil</u> you shall eat of it all the days of your life. 18 <u>Both thorns</u> <u>and thistles it shall bring forth for you,</u> And you shall eat the herb of the field."
- e) Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."
- 3. Desires for other things Mark 4:18-19
 - a) **Desires** *ĕpithumia* Deep desire, longing, craving; A self-indulgent craving that displaces proper affection for God.
 - (1) <u>Psalm 27:4</u> (NKJV) 4 <u>One thing</u> I have <u>desired</u> of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.
 - b) Entering in ĕispŏrĕuŏmai To enter, go into, of things, as food
- D. Thorns cause us to "become" unfruitful
 - 1. Unfruitful akarpos Barren, producing no fruit or harvest
 - 2. <u>Hebrews 4:2</u> (NKJV) 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.