I. Matthew 13:10-11 - 7 parables about the Kingdom of Heaven

A. V10-11 - Mysteries of the kingdom of heaven
   1. **Kingdom of Heaven** - The foundational, principal component of heaven; the system or culture of heaven
   2. **Culture** - Webster - Set of attitudes, values, goals, and practices of a society, or organization.
   3. **Kingdom Culture** - Set of attitudes, values, goals and practices that match the culture of the KINGDOM of Heaven.

B. V3-9 - Sow - spĕirō - To place or scatter seeds in ground for *future* growth
   1. The kingdom of heaven is not a kingdom (system or culture) driven by "need" but rather it is a kingdom (system or culture) that is driven by "seed!"

C. V23 - How is the good ground identified?
   1. **Ground** - gē - Soil, region, ground, land, world; top layer of the earth in which plants can grow.
   2. **Good** - kalŏs - Advantageous, fitting, suitable for a specified thing
   3. **Received seed** — spĕirō - To scatter, sow seed on the ground for future growth.
      a) **Hears** - akŏuō - To receive news or information; become aware of
   4. Characteristics of "good" ground — hears the word "and":
      a) 1st - **Understands it** - The Wayside did not understand
         1) **Understands** - suniēmi - To comprehend, put together in the mind the nature or meaning of
         2) **Psalm 1:2** (NKJV) 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.
            (a) **Meditate** - Take it from "information" to "revelation"
      b) 2nd - **Indeed bears fruit** - Stony places - Not root in himself
         1) **Bears fruit** — karpŏphŏrĕō - To be fertile, produce or cause results, to yield
            (a) **Root** - rhiza - The fundamental part of the plant that **absorbs nutrients from its surroundings**
               i) The part that feeds, stabilizes and sustains the plant
         2) **Heb 10:36-39** - Endurance
      c) 3rd - **Produces** - Among the thorns
         1) **Produces** - pŏiĕō - To make or do; to yield; harvest
         2) **Among** - ēpi - A position within an area "**determined** by other objects" and distributed **among them**
(3) **Romans 10:17** (NKJV) 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

(a) 1st “by” — ἐκ - Origin; proceeding from or out of — “What”

(b) 2nd “by” — dia - Channel of an act, through; means by which something is possible — “How”

(4) **Choked** - ἀπὸπνιγό - Crowding them out, overwhelm or overshadowing them, to inhibit the action, function or development of something.