KINGDOM CULTURE | Part 5

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

- A. V11 "Kingdom of heaven"
 - 1. <u>Kingdom of Heaven</u> The foundational, principal components of heaven; the system or culture of heaven not geographical place
 - 2. <u>Culture</u> Webster The set of attitudes, values, goals, and practices of a society, or organization.
 - a) Kingdom Culture is the set of attitudes, values, goals and practices of the KINGDOM of Heaven.
 - 3. <u>Matthew 4:17 (NKJV)</u> 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
 - a) Repent mětanŏĕō To change one's way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude with regard to sin and righteousness
 - b) At hand ĕggizō Come or bring near, approach
 - c) Jesus said to pray <u>Matthew 6:10</u> (NKJV) 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done <u>On earth as it is in heaven</u>.
 - (1) In making decisions for our lives We need to use "common sense" sense that is common to the right kingdom!
- B. <u>V31-33</u> What is this kingdom (system) like?
 - <u>Like</u> hŏmŏiŏs Resembling or similar; having the same or some of the same characteristics
 - 2. Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed..."
 - a) First it is like a seed in general something must be sown in order to produce a desired end result.
 - b) **Sow** *spěirō* To place or scatter seeds in ground for *future* growth
 - (1) Doing something now that you will not see the benefit of UNTIL LATER!
 - 3. Where did he sow the seed? "His field"
 - a) The world Speaks of the APPLICATION Where it is applicable, where it works.
 - b) Two applications: General and specific
 - (1) **General** The kingdom of heaven in the earth
 - (a) Jesus started with 12 people and turned the world upside down. 2.5 billion people Christians 7.9 billion people 5.4 billion not saved

- (2) **Specific** I sow seed in my personal "field" and grow the kingdom of heaven in my life
- (3) The kingdom of heaven is not a kingdom driven by "need" but rather it is a kingdom that is driven by "seed!"
- (4) Genesis 8:22 (NKJV) 22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."
- 4. Why a <u>Mustard seed</u> A large herb with an exceptionally small seed; Referenced as the smallest known seed in Palestine at the time; but can grow to over 10ft tall
 - a) Least mikrŏs Small in size compared to normal or to others
 - b) <u>"Like a mustard seed"</u> Jesus is illustrating the kingdom of heaven (foundational, principal components of heaven) by contrasting the size of the seed to the size of the plant when it is full grown.
 - (1) The initial size of something does not determine eventual impact.
- C. When it is "grown" it is greater than the herbs and "becomes" a tree
 - 1. **Grown** auxanō To increase by natural process
 - 2. **Becomes** *ginŏmai* To cause to be; come to exist
 - a) Psalm 1:1–3 (NKJV) 1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

(1) Job 8:7 (NKJV) 7 Though your beginning was small, Yet your latter end

b) Even the smallest of beginnings can produce a large impact

would increase abundantly.
