

Are you N?

Matthew 12: 22-50

This was the real question as we read the dialog between Jesus and the people of Matthew 12 and 13!

Who is He talking to? Religious leaders, the crowds and then his disciples in private!

Let us read Matthew 12: 46-50 Why would Jesus say such a thing to or about his mother?

Why would Jesus say what he just previously said in Chapter 10: 3 *“He that loveth his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...”*

He was trying to make a point... to get everyone to answer the question,

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1. Why? Why would this question be that important?

Matthew 12: 25 “Every Kingdom divided against itself is brought desolate, and every city divided against itself shall not stand.” And, in vs 33- Either make the tree good, and his fruit good or else, make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers,... how can ye, being ye being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”

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Chapter 12: 41-42 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation... The queen of the South shall rise in judgment with this generation...

Why? Because you have seen all that you have seen but you are still not sure that you are N...

2. Why is this so important?

Vs 43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man...

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All these statements are leading us up to this parable.

Chapter 13: 1- Seeds sown

Way side – side of the road, out of the prepared area... Devil took the product away

Stony places – no root... Trouble took the product away

Among thorns – too involved in the world... choked out

Good Ground – prepared soil... great product

These parables are to lead up to the answer to the parables:

Reason for these parables: Ch. 13: 10-

The parable of the sower is the reason...

They failed because, they were not ready... Why is that such an issue?

Ch 12: 43-45 because the last state will be worse than the first!

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This is why Jesus said what He said about His mother... Are you N?

Matthew 10: 35-39

The reason that Jesus was hiding the truth from them was doing them a favor. They were not prepared... Therefore if they were not prepared, they would be worse after they understood than even before!

Mothers prepare the prepared.