

/We will now begin lecture ten on Matthew. /The passage is chapter 12. /The title is, "The Sabbath."

/First, teaching on the Sabbath day. /Verses 1-8. /Second, Jesus heals on the Sabbath. /Verses 9-23.
/Third, Jesus rebukes the Pharisees. /Verses 24-37. /Fourth, Jesus rebukes the generation. /Verses 38-45. /Fifth, the Lord's mother and brothers. /Verses 46-50.

/Read 12:1. /At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them.

/The Pharisees made even the smallest details of the law into rules. /They forbid the picking of grain on the Sabbath. /However, the disciples eating grain on the Sabbath did not violate the law.

/In verse 2, the Pharisees criticize Jesus. /They said that His disciples were doing what was unlawful on the Sabbath. /The Pharisees valued tradition over God's commands.

/Verses 3-4. /He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread-- which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests.

/Jesus told them about David. /David went to Nob and ate the bread of the Presence given by the priest. /The bread of the Presence was not to be eaten by ordinary men. /It was to be eaten only by the chief priest. /1 Samuel 22:9-10

/However, the priest asked God and gave the starving David something to eat. /He received permission from God and gave the bread of the Presence to David.

/In verse 5, it says that it is not sin for the priest to break the Sabbath in the temple. /Priests were to serve diligently on the Sabbath. /Numbers 28:9-10

/Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath. /In verse 7, it says that God desires mercy. /Mercy is more important than sacrifice. /Love and compassion are what matters.

/Read verse 8. /For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

/Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath. /Jesus administers the Sabbath according to His will. /True Sabbath can only be found in Christ. /Jesus is the one who gives us the true Sabbath.

/Believers must enter Jesus and find true rest. /Isaiah 56:3-7 /Even if we have many possessions in the world, we will not have true happiness without spiritual rest. /1 Corinthians 5:10-18

/During the Old Testament times, the Sabbath was on a Saturday. /This was because Saturday was the seventh day of the week. /In the New Testament period, the Sabbath was changed to Sunday. /In the Old Testament, God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

/However, in the New Testament times, the first day is kept as holy. /Hebrews 4:7-10 /Hebrews 7:18 /It says, the former regulation is set aside. /Sunday is the day Jesus rose from the dead. /Matthew 28:1

/Also, the Holy Spirit came at the Pentecost. /The Holy Spirit came at the Pentecost. /Acts 2:11 /God also gave the revelation to John on a Sunday. /Revelation 1:10 /Therefore, we must keep Sundays holy. /We must also enter the Sabbath.

/The fourth command in the Ten Commandments is about the Sabbath. /It is an important commandment. /Therefore, we must enter the Sabbath on Sundays and seek spiritual peace. /We must worship God on Sundays and receive grace and strength.

/Verses 9-10. /Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

/The people attempted to accuse Jesus. /They asked Him whether it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath. /The Pharisees believed that healing diseases on the Sabbath was unlawful.

/Let us think here about verses 11-13. /Jesus said if a man's sheep fell into a pit on the Sabbath, they would lift it out. /It is good to do good on the Sabbath.

/Likewise, Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. /It is a good thing to save lives. /It is also a good thing to restore the shriveled hand of a man.

/However, the Pharisees plotted to kill Jesus. /Yet, Jesus continued to heal many people of their diseases.

/Verse 16. /warning them not to tell who he was.

/Jesus told the people not to make Him known to the public. /It was not yet time to go into the public. /This was also so that there would be no hindering of the work of preaching the gospel.

/Verses 17-18. / This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

/This is a quote from Isaiah 42:1-3. /Jesus is the chosen Servant of God. /He is the Beloved of God. /It says that God gave the Holy Spirit to Jesus.

/Jesus works through the Holy Spirit. /He also proclaimed the gospel to Gentiles through the Holy Spirit. /Hebrews 11:6

/Verse 19. / He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.

/Jesus did not quarrel or fight. /He did not argue. /He did not yell about in the streets. /He preached the gospel in quietness and in secret. /He received power in the secluded small room and carried out the works of God.

/The movement of life took place. /Even when Jesus nurtured His disciples, He carried out the works of God in secret. /The Lord did not advertise His work loudly. /Still, this movement of life spread to all

parts of the world.

/Verse 20. /A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.

/We are like the bruised reed. /We are like the smoldering wick. /God bandages our wounded spirits. /God rescues the weak.

/God saves us. /He gives us strength and power. /God brings our salvation to completion. /He continues in his work until we gain victory.

/Verse 21. / In his name the nations will put their hope."

/It says, even the Gentiles will hope in His name. /It says that the gospel will spread to the ends of the earth so that even the Gentiles will put their hope in Christ.

/Jesus healed the blind and the deaf. /Jesus is the Son of David. /As the Son of David, the Lord testified to the will of God. /He preached the gospel.

/Verse 24. /But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."

/The Pharisees criticized Jesus. /They said that Jesus was casting out demons by the prince of demons, Beelzebub.

/Verses 25-26. / Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?

/Jesus said that even Satan does not fight against himself. /Satan cannot cast out Satan. /Jesus asked them in return, "How then can his kingdom stand?"

/Verse 27. /And if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges.

/Here, "your people" refer to the disciples of the Pharisees. /The disciples of the Pharisees also casted out demons. /Mark 9:38 /Acts 19:13

/Verse 28. /But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

/Jesus said that He casts out demons by the power of the Holy Spirit. /He did not cast out demons by Satan's power.

/Verse 29. /"Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house.

/One can only plunder a house of its goods if he binds the strong man in his house. /The “strong man” symbolizes Satan. /The “goods” refer to people who are under the influence of Satan.

/Jesus rebuked Satan. /Jesus rescues those who are bound by Satan.

/Verse 30. /"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters.

/The Pharisees did not follow Jesus. /They did not crowd around Jesus. /Those who do not walk with Jesus are Satan’s servants.

/Verses 31-33. /And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.

/Here, Jesus speaks about “blasphemy against the Spirit.” /Blasphemy against the Spirit cannot be forgiven. /What is this “blasphemy against the Spirit?” /It is the sin of intentional rebellion against the works of the Holy Spirit by calling it the works of the devil.

/It is the sin of intentionally rejecting the Spirit. /If one resists the Spirit but later repents and believes in Jesus, then this is not blasphemy of the Spirit. /For example, a person who is once sick but is cured is no longer a patient.

/Therefore, those who do not believe in Jesus until their deaths commit the blasphemy of the Spirit. /They were not born again. /We believers can believe and then fall. /However, they will ultimately repent, believe in Jesus, and go to heaven.

/Verse 33. /"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.

/Jesus cast out demons. /Jesus bore good fruit.

/Verses 34-35. /You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

/Here, see Hebrews 10:26 /and 1 John 5:16 about blasphemy of the Spirit. /Jesus called the Pharisees, “brood of vipers.”/The “viper” is Satan.

/The Pharisees were children of the devil. /They amassed evil, and eventually evil flowed out of them. /Evil people spit out evil. /We must plant goodness and reap goodness. /We must hold on to good and spread good.

/Verses 36-37. /But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be

condemned."

/Whoever says careless words will be judged. /Whatever is inside a person comes out through words. /If a person is good, then good words will come out. /If he is evil, evil words will come out.

/Therefore, we must speak words of righteousness. /We must think righteous thoughts. /Our words, thoughts, and actions must be on the good path. /Proverbs 16:32 /We must rule over our hearts. /Proverbs 4:23 /We must guard our hearts.

/Verse 38. /Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you."

/The teachers of the law and Pharisees loved miraculous signs. /However, Jesus said that no sign would be given except the sign of Jonah. /In verse 39, Jesus called them a wicked and adulterous generation. /This means that they were a generation that had forsaken God. /James 4:4

/In the generation that had forsaken God, the only sign Jesus could show them was the sign of Jonah. /"The sign of Jonah" means that Jesus would be resurrected from the dead in three days. /Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead on the third day.

/This is the sign of Jonah. /It points to the fact that Jesus would live again. /This is the sign and miracle of God. /What is a sign? /Jesus coming to this earth is the sign of signs. /It is a sign that Jesus died for us and rose again from the dead.

/Second, it is a sign that we believe in Jesus. /Third, it is a sign that we conform to the image of Jesus.

/Verse 41. /The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.

/At the final judgment, the people of Nineveh will condemn the generation that lived during the time of Jesus. /The people of Nineveh heard the Word of God from Jonah and repented. /Jesus is the Son of God and is greater than Jonah.

/Jesus, the Son of God, preached to His generation but they did not listen. /Therefore, they will be judged more severely before God.

/Verse 42. /The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here.

/The Queen of the South came to hear words of wisdom from Solomon. /Jesus is greater than Solomon. /Jesus is the Son of God. /The Queen of Sheba heard the words of Solomon and repented.

/However, the generation of Jesus' time heard the words of Jesus but did not repent. /1 Kings 10:1 /Today, those who do not accept the gospel of Jesus will receive judgment.

/Whoever hears the truth of God and does not repent will be severely judged. /Whoever does not believe in the words of Jesus will receive an even more severe judgment. /Today, those who do not accept the gospel will receive great judgment.

/Verse 43. /"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it.

/Here the "arid places" are places without happiness. /They are places without life. /They are places without the gospel.

/Therefore, where there is water, there is life, spirit, and joy. /Even spirits seek places where there is life.

/Verse 44. /Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order.

/An evil spirit goes out and returns. /That house is empty, swept, and put in order. /This refers to a person who has once repented. /It is the house where Satan once reigned but ran away. /However, that person did not receive Jesus.

/Hence, the evil spirit returns. /When we repent we must receive Jesus in our hearts. /We must receive guidance of the Holy Spirit. /However, if we do not receive guidance of the Holy Spirit after we believe in Jesus and repent, we will become more evil.

/Verse 45. /Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

/It says that seven spirits will enter that house. /Satan enters the house that does not serve Jesus. /Therefore, that person will become seven times more evil. /Those who believe and then fall become more evil.

/Those who once believed and fall become more wicked. /Therefore, we believers must always have Jesus in our hearts. /We must follow the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

/Verses 46-47. / While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

/Jesus taught the Word. /Hence, His mother and brothers came to get Jesus. /Jesus' mother and brothers came for Jesus. /Mark 3:21 /They heard rumors about Jesus.

/At that time, the mother and brothers of Jesus became servants of the devil./Then at that time, Jesus did not even go outside to meet them. /His mother and brothers were following Satan's ways. /Thus, Jesus asked, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

/Jesus said, "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." /All

who believe in Jesus and live according to the will of God are the brothers and sisters of Jesus. /Thus, those who chase after the truth are the true brothers and sisters of Jesus.

/We will continue with the lecture on Matthew chapter 13. /The title of chapter 13 is, “The Parables.”

/First, the parable of the sower. /Verses 1-9. /Second, the purpose of the parables. /Verses 10-17. /Third, explanation of the parable of the sower. /Verses 18-23. /Fourth, the parable of the weeds. /Verses 24-30. /Fifth, the parable of the mustard seed. /Verses 31-32. /Sixth, the parable of the yeast. /Verse 33.

/Seventh, the reason why Jesus spoke in parables. /Verses 34-35. /Eighth, the parable of the weeds explained. /Verses 36-43. /Ninth, the parable of the hidden treasure. /Verse 44. /Tenth, the parable of the pearl. /Verses 45-46.

/Eleventh, the parable of the net. /Verses 47-50. /Twelfth, the mission of those who understand. /Verses 51-52. /Thirteenth, Jesus is rejected in His hometown. /Verses 53-58.

/Read verses 1-2. /That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

/Jesus sat in a boat by the lake and taught many crowds there. /Here in chapter 13, Jesus taught through seven parables. /From verse 3 is the parable of the sower. /The Sower is Jesus.

/Those who preach the gospel are those who serve Christ. /The “seed” is God’s Word. /Luke 8:11 /Here, there are four types of fields of the heart. /First, the seeds fell along the path. /This represents the stubborn heart that does not receive the gospel.

/Thus, this path symbolizes those who are hardened in heart. /They are wicked. /Birds came and ate up the seeds. /The “bird” symbolizes Satan. /We see this in verse 19.

/Verses 5-6. /Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

/The “places” represent man’s heart. /It says some seeds fell on rocky places. /There was dirt on the outside but many rocks on the inside. /Therefore, the plants were scorched and they withered because they had no root.

/Here, to wither and die means to fall to persecutions and hardships. /The second type of people likes to come to church from time to time. /They come and go to church. /However, they do not come to church when they face hardships.

/These people have not been born again. /Both the hearts along the path and rocky places have not been born again. /Here the “rock” represents fixed ideas. /It is false knowledge. /They are the traditions and the ways of the world.

/False knowledge, /false religion, /wrong ways of thinking in the past, /and pride. /These are the rocky

places. /Therefore, the works of the gospel are in disagreement with the heart. /The gospel does not correspond with their present knowledge or worldviews.

/At such times, they must throw away false knowledge and accept the gospel. /However, they reject the gospel instead.

/Verse 7. /Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

/Here we have seeds that fell among thorns. /There was a field of thorns. /Here, “thorns” refer to the worries of the world and temptations of properties. /These people hear the gospel but do not bear fruit because of the worries and temptations of the world. /Luke 8:14

/They become lost in the pleasures of the world. /They become lost in greed. /Therefore, these “thorns” drain them of energy. /These thorns drain them of all vitality and strength. /These people are believers.

/However, there are no fruits of faith. /They hold onto God with one hand and to the world with the other. /Ultimately, there are no fruits of faith in their lives. /Those among the thorns are saved in their hearts. /However, there is no fruit. /This is shameful salvation.

/These people are like Lot in the Old Testament times. /Abraham is like fertile soil. / Lot served both God and material goods.

/Verse 8. /Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop-- a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

/The good soil is the fertile soil. /These people hear God’s Word and understands it clearly. /Luke 8:15 / The Word becomes life for them. /Hence, they bear fruit thirty, sixty, and a hundred times what was sown.

/We must have hearts like the fertile soil. /Jeremiah 3:4 /We must receive God’s Word with gentle and humble hearts. /We must throw away our selfishness. /We must engrave God’s Word onto our hearts and obey.

/We must bear fruit according to God’s Word. /Verse 9 says, “He who has ears, let him hear.” /Our spiritual ears must be opened.

/Verses 10-11. /The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

/There is a reason why Jesus spoke in parables. /The mystery of heaven is the gospel. /The gospel has been revealed to God’s chosen people. /Those who have not been chosen cannot believe the gospel even if they receive it. /The Lord wants the elect to know and believe the gospel.

/Verse 12. /Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

/Whoever has will be given more. /He who has more is the one who keeps his faith. /Whoever does not have is the unbeliever.

/Verse 13. /This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

/We cannot understand the gospel with the eyes and ears of the flesh. /We can only know the spiritual truth through spiritual eyes and ears. /In Isaiah's time, the people heard but they did not understand. /They saw but they did not know. /This was because their hearts were wicked. /Isaiah 6:9-10

/Their spirits were darkened. /They were not the elect. /They were weeds. /Therefore, they heard the Word of God but did not understand. /They did not participate in salvation.

/However, the spiritual eyes of the disciples were opened. /Their spiritual ears were opened. /They understood God's Word.

/Jesus explains the parable of the sower in verses 18-23. /Jesus tells the parable of the weeds in verses 24-30.

/Read verse 24. /Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

/Good seeds were sown but weeds came up. /The servants asked, "Where then did the weeds come from?" /The master replied, "An enemy did this."

/Again, the servant's asked, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" /The master replied, "Let both grow together until the harvest." /This means that the weeds will be judged at the time of harvest. /"The man who sowed" is Jesus.

/The "field" is the world. /"The good seed" are the elect. /Verse 38. /"The harvesters" are angels. /The "enemy" is Satan. /"Heaven" represents the church on earth.

/The "weeds" symbolizes wicked men and unbelievers. /In this way, both plants with grain and weeds grow together. /Among the twelve disciples of Jesus was Judas Iscariot, who was a weed. /We must not allow weeds to grow in our churches.

/Therefore, we must carefully harvest good grain. /We must be careful not to be influenced by the weeds. /Satan sows weeds among the grain. /Therefore we must watch out for weeds.

/Verses 31-32. /He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

/Here is the parable of the mustard seed. /This symbolizes the movement of the church. /The mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds. /However, when this seed is sown, it grows to a height as tall as a man. /This mustard seed is small but it contains life.

/The seed of the gospel has power like this mustard seed. /It has the power of life. /It flourishes. /Even if God's Word may seem trivial, it has life. /It grows as tall as a person. /This is the work of salvation and the work of life.

/The start of the gospel may seem insignificant. /Even Jesus started out with twelve disciples. /Yet later the church flourished and spread. /The gospel flourishes and succeeds. /Our God looks at the center.

/The small mustard seed had life. /Therefore, it is important that we have faith that has life. /It says that birds will come and nest on its branches. /Mark 4:32 /This means that people around us will come to rely and survive on it.

/The people of the world attempt to gain benefits from the church. /They attempt to gain benefits through the church. /The church is beneficial to the world. /The early church in Korea helped people of the world. /China also did the same.

/Missionaries came to this land. /They preached the gospel. /They set up hospitals. /They founded orphanages and nursing homes. /They helped those in need. /They established schools.

/The church did many good things. /The Puritans went to America. /At first they had little power. /Then the church grew. /It became a big tree worldwide.

/Then many nations of the world receive benefits through the church. /The gospel is meant to flourish. /It gives hope and help to people.

/Verse 33. /He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

/There is also the parable of the yeast. /"Yeast" refers to something that weakens the church. /It symbolizes heresies and sin. /Galatians 5:9 /1 Corinthians 5:6 /Matthew 16:6 /Here, the woman symbolizes the ways of the world. /The "flour" symbolizes spiritual food.

/This means that the church can become corrupt due to heresies and sin. /Matthew 16:11 /Therefore, we must get rid of the yeast. /We must not allow yeast to come into the church, and not allow new theologies and mysticism to enter the church.

/However, this parable of the yeast symbolizes a rapid growth of the gospel. /Flour rises quickly when yeast is mixed into it.

/If we interpret this parable in another way, it symbolizes the rapid growth of the gospel. /The gospel will spread quickly.

/Verses 34-35 explain why the Lord spoke in parables.

/Verses 34-35. /Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth

in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

/This quotes Psalm 78:2. /Jesus spoke to reveal what is hidden in the Bible. /Jesus spoke to reveal the truth to God's chosen people.

/Verses 36-40 explain the parable of the weeds. /Jesus explained to his disciples the parable of the weeds.

/Read verses 41-42. /The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

/God will punish all who do evil.

/Verse 43. /Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

/The righteous are those who hear God's Word and understand it. /They are those who keep God's Word. /They will shine like the sun in heaven. /Those who lead many to the right path will shine like stars in the sky. /Daniel 12:3

/Here the ear refers to spiritual ears. /We must hear to the spiritual truth with spiritual ears. /We must understand the truth of the Word and obey it.

/Here we will conclude the tenth lecture. /Thank you.