



The Mysteries of Trees – Root

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Romans 11:16–18 (KJV 1900)

¹⁶ For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches. ¹⁷ And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; ¹⁸ Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

1. What must be holy before the root of trees can grow holy?
 - a. Firstfruit
 - b. Lump (of clay)
 - c. Branches
 - d. May be more than one answer
2. (True or False) The branches bear the root and make the tree holy.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. What is likely to have caused the Firstfruit and lump of clay to be holy? (To be proven later in our studies together)
 - a. Attending church
 - b. Giving to the orphans, widows, and oppressed
 - c. Establishing a strong Foundation of Jesus Christ according to Hebrews 6:1-3
 - d. I just don't want to answer that one until I learn it.

Matthew 3:10 (KJV 1900)

¹⁰ And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

4. How is a tree cut down if it does not bear good fruit?
 - a. By its branches
 - b. By its fruits
 - c. By its firstfruits
 - d. By its roots
5. What is used to cut a tree down?

- a. Hammer
 - b. Axe
 - c. Fire
 - d. Evangelist
6. Why is the tree cut down?
- a. Bad fruit
 - b. Wrong religion
 - c. Poverty and sickness
 - d. All of the above
7. What happens to the tree that is cut down?
- a. It is cast into the fire
 - b. It goes to Hell
 - c. It is rebaptized and restored
 - d. It is made into something holy

Matthew 13:3–9 (KJV 1900)

³And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; ⁴And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: ⁵Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: ⁶And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. ⁷And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: ⁸But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. ⁹Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

8. What type of soil did the seeds fall upon in stony places?
- a. Missing grace
 - b. Missing God
 - c. Missing soil
 - d. Missing water
9. How quickly did the seed that fell on stony places grow?
- a. It took a long time for them to grow
 - b. It sprung up quickly
 - c. It died and never grew
 - d. Some grew, some didn't
10. Why did the seed grow as it did?
- a. The earth was too deep
 - b. The earth was too shallow
 - c. The earth was too hard
 - d. The earth was too wet

11. What might represent the difficulties of the shallowness of the earth (will learn in detail later in our studies together)?
- Lack of religion
 - Lack of doctrine
 - Lack of faith
 - Lack of endurance
 - I just don't want to answer that one until I learn it.
12. What happened to the seed planted amongst the stones when the sun came up?
- It grew strong
 - It withered away
 - It provided shade for the other plants
 - It grew with the other plants as they held each other up
13. Why did the seed planted in shallow earth perish?
- It had no root
 - It had no water
 - It had no fruit
 - All of the above

Matthew 13:18–23 (KJV 1900)

¹⁸ Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. ²⁰ But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; ²¹ Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. ²² He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. ²³ But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it*; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

14. What was the difficulty that the seed planted amongst stony places experienced?
- It could not hear the Word of God
 - It could not endure
 - It could not participate in the world
 - All of the above

15. What might represent the difficulties of the shallowness of the earth (will learn in detail later in our studies together)?
- Lack of religion
 - Lack of doctrine
 - Lack of faith
 - Lack of endurance
 - I learned it from my Lord Jesus Christ and will answer it
16. What causes the root to be unable to sustain life?
- Persecution
 - Tribulation
 - Poverty
 - Cults
17. Why does trouble come to the seed on stony ground?
- Because it is alone without friends
 - Because it is separated from its church family
 - Because it hears the Word of God
 - Because it is not giving enough to the world
18. How quickly does the stony placed seed survive?
- It endures for a while
 - It endures for a long time
 - It dies immediately after it begins growing
 - It dies quickly after being sown
19. What was the emotion experienced by the seed sown on stony ground when it first heard the Word of God?
- Relief
 - Sadness
 - Rejection
 - Joy
20. What was the emotion experienced by the seed sown on stony ground when troubles came to it?
- Joy
 - Sadness
 - Offense
 - Rejection
21. What does the word offense¹ mean as it is used in Matthew 13:21?
- Exhibit anger

¹ 7<<: σκανδαλίζομαι (*skandalizomai*), σκανδαλίζω (*skandalizō*): vb.; ≡ Str 4624; TDNT 7.339—41LN 31.77 (dep.) fhdvh ehōhylqj (Mt 13:21);¹ *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)*

- b. Praise God with joy
- c. Cease believing
- d. Hurt feelings

Matthew 13:24–30 (KJV 1900)

²⁴ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: ²⁵ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. ²⁶ But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. ²⁷ So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? ²⁸ He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? ²⁹ But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

22. What type of seed did the Sower spread in the Parable of the Tares?
- a. Good
 - b. Bad
 - c. Weed-filled
 - d. Dead
23. What is the purpose of the Parable of the Tares?
- a. To show farming techniques
 - b. To show preferable earth to plant seed
 - c. To show the value of weeds
 - d. To show what the kingdom of heaven is like
24. (True or False) The weeds were already present when the Sower seeded the ground.
- a. True
 - b. False
25. Who sowed the tares among the wheat?
- a. The Sower
 - b. The righteous farmer
 - c. The enemy
 - d. The worldly

26. What are tares²?
- Spots in the garden where nothing grows
 - Weeds
 - Wheat
 - Chasms between the rows of dirt
27. Why did the Sower not want to weed the garden that he had sowed?
- It would root up the good plants with the bad weeds
 - It would be easier to gather weeds and plants together in harvest
 - It would be easier to separate the tares from the wheat at harvest
 - All of the above
28. What happens to the tares gathered at harvest?
- They are bound together
 - They are gathered first
 - They are bundled for burning
 - All of the above
29. Where is the wheat gathered?
- Into the owner's barn
 - Into the field
 - Into the silo
 - Into the servant's supply
30. How does the Parable of the Tares connect to the Kingdom of Heaven? (Short Essay Answer)

² 575 < ζιζάνιον (*zizanian*), ου (*ou*), τό (*to*): n.neu.; ≡ Str 2215—LN 3.30 γδουχῆα (NJB, NEB, REB), weeds (NAB, RSV, NRSV, NIV), tares (NASB, ASV, KJV, NKJV), (Mt 13:25–40+)² *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)*

Matthew 21:18–20 (KJV 1900)

¹⁸ Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. ¹⁹ And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. ²⁰ And when the disciples saw *it*, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

Mark 11:20–23 (KJV 1900)

²⁰ And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹ And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. ²² And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. ²³ For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

31. What type of tree did Jesus Christ curse?

- a. Fig
- b. Olive
- c. Pine
- d. Lign Aloe

32. Why did the Lord approach the tree?

- a. He wanted to destroy it
- b. He wanted to eat from it
- c. He wanted to prune it
- d. He wanted to curse it

33. What was on the tree Jesus cursed?

- a. Fruit
- b. Leaves
- c. Bugs
- d. All of the above

34. What was the exact curse that the Lord Jesus Christ made upon the fig tree?
(Short Essay)

35. What happened after the curse to the tree?

- a. It withered
- b. It dried up from the roots
- c. It produced fruits
- d. a & b

36. What can a Christian do if confronted by a fake spiritual work that does not produce fruits for the spiritually hungry?
- Water it with money
 - Curse it with faith that will cause it to move away and perish
 - Hold a revival to change its ways
 - Maybe all of the above
37. What requirements of faith are necessary to move a non-producing work away from the presence of followers of Christ?
- Have faith in God
 - No doubt in his heart
 - Believe that those things which he says shall come to pass
 - All of the above
38. Can his act of strong faith that has the potential to even cast a mountain into the sea, be applied to natural life needs such as declaring the need for money in real-life.
- NO! This verse is about removing dead works
 - NO! This verse is about the cursing of a fig tree when the Lord was hungry, and it did not produce.
 - NO! Scripture should never be put into an unrelated context.
 - NO! The Lord wants us to know how to move works that are fake and not producing from our midst so our good works can produce even more.

Romans 11:16 (KJV 1900)

¹⁶ For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches.

39. If the first fruit, is holy, and the clay is holy, and the root is holy, then the branches will be holy.

Teachings by Kathy L McFarland

- The deep meaning of the root of trees is FOUNDATION.
- The mysteries of Trees produce living WORKS that glorify the Lord.
- If your foundation is made with The Foundation of Christ, then your tree will stand strong and be able to produce great works for the Lord.
- If your foundation includes worldly ideals, self-improvement goals, carnal desires, self-focused pleasures, worship of idols or false gods, exposure of your soul to evil and witchcraft, pornographic pleasures, love of money, unproven conspiracy theories, neglect of the Word of God, refusal to follow Christ fully, more pride in your outer appearance than your inner being, etc., then your roots will not be strong enough to support your tree of spiritual works. Your tree will wither and die.

5. If your roots wither and your spiritual tree dies, you cannot produce works for the Lord that glorify the LORD God.
6. If your roots wither and your spiritual tree dies, then any works that are accomplished through your own efforts are called DEAD WORKS in Scripture. Dead Works do not receive reward from the LORD God and do not advance the Kingdom of Heaven.
7. If your faith is strong, without doubt, and you believe, you can even cast the biggest of non-producing, fake spiritual works into the sea. (Sea will be defined much later in our studies together).
8. If the first fruit, is holy, and the clay is holy, and the root is holy, then the branches will be holy.