

**What is a parable:**

**Parables:** parabolh/ parabole, par-ab-ol-ay´

Parable – Grk – parabole, **par-ab-ol-ay´-**

**para** – alongside

**ballo** – to cast or to throw or to place.



**Mark 4:24** Then He said to them, **“Take heed what you hear.**

Word **Heed** - **991. ble÷pw blepo, blep´-o**; a primary verb; to see or to look at (literally or figuratively):

In other words see carefully or look at carefully what you hear.

How do you look at what you hear?  
Through parables and illustrations.



**Mark 4:13** “And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?”



**Seed – word of God – the Kingdom of God**

**Mark 4:14 The sower sows the word.**

**Luke 8:11 “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.**

**Matthew 13:19 tells us that the word of God is the word of the Kingdom.**



**How does the kingdom of God begin? In your heart.**

**Luke 17:20** Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

**Luke 17:21** nor will they say, “See here!” or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”



## **4 Conditions of the soils**

**Wayside - Hard heart**

**Stony places - Shallow heart**

**Thorny places - Divided heart**

**Good ground - Fruitful heart**

