

## Have You Ever Considered Matthew 13:12?

For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. (Matthew 13:12)

In the reference column of the Thompson Chain Reference Bible, the word “Godliness” is listed as the overall theme of Christ’s words here. “For whosoever hath [godliness], to him shall be given [more godliness]... but whosoever hath not [godliness], from him shall be taken away [all godliness] even that he hath.” Or as Luke said in the companion verse, “...from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.” They don’t have godliness, but they think they do. Externally and perhaps even historically, they seem to have godliness. But, even that, too, will be taken from them (see Luke 8:18).

So in the last days, those who know the secret places of God, i.e., what pleases God most, godliness, righteousness, holiness, in short, the ways of God, will be given more spiritual understanding and more spiritual power and more spiritual knowledge to rise above the day and hour we are in. But those who only feign a form of godliness but denying the power thereof shall be turned unto fables themselves. God will strip them bare and naked before all. The façade of perceived godliness will be removed along with all of their hiding places. But unto them that know their God, they shall be strong and do exploits.

The reward of simply knowing what you know is insight and spiritual revelation built on Apostolic relationship. Matthew 13:11 (ESV) says, “...To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given” (emphasis mine). Why? Because they received not the love of the truth, God sent them a strong delusion. Now they believe the lie. The lie they told themselves about the secret places of God that were never even true. God is not mocked.

Matthew 13:13 (ESV) “This is why I speak to them in parables...” Because I no longer will share truth with men who refuse truth; who have ears but refuse to hear; eyes but refuse to see. Hebrews 3:12 says, “Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief... departing from the living God.”

There is value in fellowshiping men that truly know God.

Jeremiah 5:4-5

4) Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God.

5) I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds.

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