

THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW

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Key Scripture: Matthew 13:1-23

Do I Have Ears to Hear?

1) The Parable:

- The seed is the word of God.
- The soils are us.

2) The Purpose of Parables:

- a) The parables are designed to develop dependence on God not self-help.
- b) The parables are designed for transformation not merely information.
- c) The parables are designed to develop a relationship not a ritual.

3) The Meaning of the Parable:

- a) Am I prayerfully depending on God to grow His word that is planted in my life?
- b) Which soil am I? Which soil will I be?
- c) What will I do?

I Gotta Get Up

By Frank Kilby

I gotta get up, I've fallen again,
I tripped over that some old sin.
Now I'm lying flat on my face,
I'm tired of falling, I'll just stay in this pace,
But I can't!

I gotta get up, though the voices are crying,
You oughta give up, there's no use in trying,
I gotta keep moving, gotta reach the next level,
Those voices aren't God, I know it's the devil.

I GOTTA GET UP! But I'm weak and I'm tired,
Oh Lord rekindle, that burning desire,
That I once had, to do thy will,
For though I have fallen, You love me still.

I GOTTA GET UP! But I'm unable,
I need you to lift me and keep me stable,
I'm sorry for thinking that I was strong,
Each time I do, I find out I'm wrong.

I'm getting up now, but I clinging tight,
Strengthen me with the power of thy might.
Let me not stray from this one pursuit,
That some day I might bear you some fruit.