

The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:1-23

Mark 4:1-20

Luke 8:4-15

Three essential elements of this parable

- The Seed – the word of God
 - Hebrews 4:12
 - John 6:63; 3:5
 - 1 Peter 1:23
- The Sower
 - 1 Corinthians 3:5-9
 - James 5:7
- The Soil – men's hearts
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:10
 - John 7:17
 - Ecclesiastes 7:29

“Some seed fell by the wayside”

- “when anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it”
- “those by the wayside are those who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved”
- Hardened heart
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- Hebrews 3:13

“Some seed fell by the wayside”

- Ephesians 4:17-19
- Psalm 95:7-8; Hebrews 3:15
- Job 9:4
- Jeremiah 5:31

“Some fell on stony places”

- “he who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has *no root in himself*, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles”
- Root problem
- Acts 14:22
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- Colossians 2:7

“Some fell on stony places”

- 2 Peter 1:5-11
- 2 Peter 3:16
- Psalm 1:2
- Luke 14:25-33

“Some fell among thorns”

- “now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity”
- “and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful”
- Crowded, divided heart
- Luke 10:41-42
- 1 Peter 5:6-7

“Some fell among thorns”

- 1 Timothy 6:9-10
- Colossians 3:35
- Deuteronomy 8:11
- Ecclesiastes 5:18
- 2 Corinthians 5:9
- Hebrews 2:1
- Matthew 21:18-19
- 2 Corinthians 13:5

“Others fell on good ground”

- “these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance”
- Honest and good heart – Acts 17:11
- Not without tribulation and persecution. Not without cares of the world, pleasures of life, deceitfulness of riches, desire for other things
trying to press in
- “keep it” “hold it fast”
- 2 Thessalonians 2:15
- 2 Peter 3:17-18

“Others fell on good ground”

- Galatians 5:22-25
- Hebrews 13:15
- Colossians 1:10
- Romans 2:7
- James 1:3
- 1 Peter 4:10