

# Parable of the Sower

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### Introduction:

1. Matthew 13: 1-9;18-23
2. Parable emphasized the importance of our work in the kingdom.
3. Six elements we must examine in this parable

### Discussion:

#### I. SEED

- A. Matt. 13:19 – the seed is the word of God Lk. 8:11
- B. We see the nature of this seed in 1 Pt. 1:22-25
- C. This seed is powerful – Rom. 1:16
- D. Notice in the parable that it was the same seed that fell on all the soils with the same power
- E. Heb. 4:12-13 shows how different effects result from the same seed.

#### II. WAYSIDE SOIL (Matt. 13:4;19)

- A. This is the soil which was packed down like a road from traveling across it (Don't understand b/c they turn away and the evil one takes it out of their heart)
- B. Acts 7:54,57-58 – This are those who stop their ears and refuse to listen (Stephen's audience)
- C. Again those in the days of Zechariah hardened heart & refused to listen (Zechariah 7:8-13)
- D. Some will listen until they hear something they don't like!
  1. Those in the first century listened until they heard the word Gentiles then refused to hear anymore (Ac. 22:21-23) unto this word
  2. Some mocked the resurrection (Acts 17:32)
  3. The Atheist will listen about a moral life until the mention of God.
  4. The Modernist will listen until the mention of the inspiration of the scriptures.

#### III. STONY SOIL (Matt. 13:5-6;20-21)

- A. The soil in Palestine was that which had a rich layer of soil that was a few inches deep, but underneath was a layer of rock. The sun would heat the soil and plants would spring up quickly, but would be scorched by the sun without roots.
- B. 2 Tim. 3:12 – all persecuted, but some like Demas won't endure during times of persecution in 2 Tim. 4:10
- C. Luke 14:25-33 – Count the cost. Rich young ruler Mt. 19:16-22; Mk. 10:17-22; Lk. 18:18-23
- D. John 12:42-43 - some receive the word and believe, but out of fear reject it.
- E. Present day example.

#### IV. THORNY SOIL (Matt. 13:7,22)

- A. Receive the word, but choked out by the cares of world
- B. Mt. 6:11 – Daily ask God the things we have need of prevents this distraction
- C. Lk. 10:38-42 - Martha was distracted by the carers of the world - some are just too busy to be faithful
- D. Phil. 4:6-9 - be careful(anxious) for nothing, but think on these things
- E. 1 Tim. 6:6-10; 2 Tim. 2:4 - contentment with such things as we have prevents us from being caught up with the cares of the world

#### V. GOOD SOIL (Matt. 13:8; 23)

- A. 1 good soil of the 4
- B. Lk. 8:15 – honest and good heart
- C. Acts 22,23,26 Saul
- D. James 1:21 – those who yield to God Rom. 6:13
- E. An honest heart is one that understands the word
- F. 1 Cor. 6:9-11 the church at Corinth was a group of good soil Christians

#### VI. FRUIT (Matt. 13:23)

- A. John 15:1-11 must bear fruit to be accepted of God
- B. Col. 1:9-11 our fruit pleases the Lord
- C. Not about how much fruit you bear (in comparison to others) –  
- but that as the woman (Mark 14:3-9), you do what you can!

#### Conclusion:

1. We are expected to sow the seed on all the soil types.
2. Man is to plant and to water, but God gives the increase - 1 Cor. 3:6-8
3. Seed has been sown
4. What kind of heart do you have?