

THE WICKED ONE

MATTHEW 13:1-23

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Introduction:

I want you to also turn to Mark 4:13-15

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¹³ And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? ¹⁴ The sower soweth the word. ¹⁵ And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Here we find the word Satan, and in Matthew he is referred to as the Wicked One.

I want you to understand there is a battle going on this evening in this very service.

There is a hatred of the Word of God and Satan and his demons are doing everything that they can to steal away the Word of God.

The Lord said that if we don't understand this parable that we will not understand any of the other parables.

Now the Lord is teaching the multitude along the sea side.

Notice what the wicked one does with the Word of God.

Notice:

1. THE SOWER – THE LORD

2. THE SEED – THE WORD OF GOD

1 Peter 1:23-25

²³ Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. ²⁴ For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: ²⁵ But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Psalms 119:89

⁸⁹ For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

The emphasis in this parable you may think would be on the sower, however the emphasis is not on the sower but rather the hearer.

3. THE SOILS – HEARTS OR THE HEARERS

A. Wayside Soil or Wayside Hearer (Vs. 19)

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Wayside was ground that hadn't been prepared.

An individual who is not prepared to hear the Word of God

They hear and understand not.

B. Stony Soil or Stony Hearers

Matthew 13:20-21

²⁰ But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; ²¹ Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

They receive the seed but there is no depth for the seed to take root.

The appearance is that the seed has taken root and they say that they are going to live for God and follow God's will for their life.

But because there is no depth and Satan begins his work, tribulation and persecution arises because of the Word, and by and by he is offended.

The problem again is not the seed, but rather the soil.

C. Thorny Soil or Choked Hearer

Matthew 13:22

²² He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

This world and this worlds system that is ruled by the devil, has distracted and deceived this hearer.

- Care of this world
- Riches
- Pleasures

D. The Good Ground or the Understanding Steadfast Hearer

Matthew 13:23

²³ But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it*; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

I don't think that the point of this parable is to state that only one out of four people only have good ground.

I think the point of this parable is rather simple. The point is the condition of our heart.

Close:

There are people who sit in services every week who don't pay attention, and that is an indication that there's a problem with the soil of their heart.

Understand the wicked one is waiting to steal away the seed of the Word of God.

How should we pray about this? We should pray God help me to have a heart that is good ground.