

THE SOWER OF DIVERS SOILS

MATTHEW 13

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⁸ But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Introduction:

(Luke 8:4-15) And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: {5} A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. {6} And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. {7} And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. {8} And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. {9} And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? {10} And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. {11} Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. {12} Those by the

way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. {13} They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. {14} And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. {15} But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

1. A SOWER

A. God is a Sower

(Jeremiah 31:27) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

B. Christ

(Matthew 13:37) He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

C. Holy Spirit

D. Every Christian Should Be a Sower

(Matthew 28:19-20) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: {20} Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

(Matthew 16:20) Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

1. We are Saved to Serve and to Sow

2. THE SEED

A. The Word of God

3. THE SOILS

A. Wayside Hearer - (closed mind)

1. Receive by ear but never reaches the heart
2. Seed is only on the surface

B. The Story Ground Hearer - (emotional mind)

1. Seed is received, but does not take root

2. The seed is on and in but not down

3. This represents those that are easily excited and enthusiastic people, but whose hold or root is only superficial

C. The Thorny Ground Hearer - (wandering mind)

1. The seed takes root but bears not fruit
2. The seed is on, in and down but doesn't come up
3. The seed takes hold but the hold is disputed by opposition

a. Cares of this world

b. Riches

c. Pleasures

D. The Good Ground - (steadfast, understanding mind)

1. The seed is on, in, down, and comes up
2. The seed bears fruit