

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Matthew 13:1-23



BEHOLD, A SOWER
WENT FORTH
TO SOW,



The Story

Jesus was speaking to a large group of people. He wanted to tell them of different ways that some people lose their faith. Jesus knew that this was hard for them to understand, so He told them a story, or parable, that would make it easy for them to understand. The parable went like this:

One day there was a farmer who went out and was planting his field by throwing seeds on the ground. Some of the seeds that he threw landed on the hard path and birds came down and ate those seeds.

Some of the seeds landed on ground with lots of rocks. Those seeds grew at first but because there wasn't much dirt they dried up and died when the sun came out.

Some of the seeds landed in thorns and when these plants started to grow the thorns choked them and they died.

Some of the seeds landed on good ground and when they grew they made many plants which then

made more and more seeds.

Jesus disciples didn't know what Jesus meant when He told the story, so He told them its meaning.

When somebody hears the Word of God and doesn't understand it, the devil will take them to be his in unbelief. This is what Jesus meant by the seeds that fell on the path.

When somebody hears the Word of God but loses it again when he has troubles, or when people make fun of him for believing, then this person is like the seeds that fell in the rocky dirt.

When somebody hears the Word of God and believes it for a while but then falls away because this person wants to have things in the world like money, or this person wants to be famous, he is like the seeds that were choked by the thorns.

When somebody hears the Word of God, understands and believes it, these people are like the seeds that fell on good ground.

Jesus told a parable that describes the enemies working against the Word of God.

Activity One - Match what happens to the seed sown in each place. Write the correct letter next to the number.

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| 1. ____ Path | A. The seeds grow very well and make many more seeds. |
| 2. ____ Rocky Soil | B. The seeds start to grow, are choked and die. |
| 3. ____ Thorns | __C. The seeds are eaten by birds. |
| 4. ____ Good Ground | D. The seeds dry up from the sun. |

Activity Two - Fill in the blanks of the meanings of the parable. Use the words in the Word Box.

Devil	money	God's Word	believe	troubles
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1. _____ is the seed.
2. The birds eating the seed from the path is the _____.
3. The seed on the rocky soil are like those who hear God's Word until _____ come then lose their faith.
4. The seed in the thorns are like those who hear God's Word until _____ and being famous get in the way.
5. Good ground are those who _____ the Word of God.

Jesus has taken away my sins and reveals Himself through the Holy Scriptures.

Passages

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!

Hymn - TLH #49 v. 1, 2

Almighty God, Thy Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

We ask You for a strong faith which grows in a heart filled with Your love like the seed that fell on good ground. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive our sins and for sending the Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word. Please help us spread the Word of forgiveness to others. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.