

The Parable of the Sower



Matt 13:18 "Hear then the parable of
the sower:

Jesus calls this the parable of the sower
(not the parable of the 4 soils)

Perhaps he is preparing his disciples for the
reality of what happens when the seed of the
word begins to interact with the hearts of men

The Kingdom of God Expands through Proclamation of the Gospel

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Rom 10:13-14 ESV

Some seeds fell on the path...

Mat 13:3-4 ESV And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.....

Being a Sower can be discouraging, because Satan works against us

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, *the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.* This is what was sown along the path.

Some seeds fell on rocky ground

Mat 13:5 *Other seeds fell on rocky ground,*
where they did not have much soil, and
immediately they sprang up, since they had
no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose
they were scorched. And since they had no
root, they withered away.....

Being a Sower can be discouraging because some do not endure the trials of life

20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and *when tribulation or persecution arises* on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

Some seeds fell among thorns

Mat 13:7 *Other seeds fell among thorns*, and
the thorns grew up and choked them.....

Being a Sower can be discouraging because some choose paths that choke the word

22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

But there is great is Joy in Sowing
Some produce 30, 60 and 100 fold
...and this is why we go

Mat 13:8 *Other seeds fell on good soil* and
produced grain, some a hundredfold, some
sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him
hear."

Psa 126:5-6 ESV Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! 6 He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Love the KJV of this

Psa 126:5-6 KJV They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Ecc 11:4-6 ESV He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. 5 As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so **you do not know the work of God who makes everything.** 6 In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for **you do not know which will prosper,** this or that, or whether both alike will be good.