

## **Parable of the Sower**

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

Parables: An earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

The parables sorted out those whom came simply to see miracles and be entertained, from serious followers who really wanted to understand Jesus teachings.

Scriptures to Reference: Matthew 13:1-24, 18-24, Luke 8:4-15, Mark 4:3-20

**Matt 13:1-9 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear."**

- 1. The Mission (Matthew 1-3)**
  - a. He went from a private home to a public place.
  - b. A farmer went out to sow a seed.
  - c. The mission we are talking about is Salvation.
- 2. The placement of the seed. (Vs. 4)**
  - a. **Vs. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.**
  - b. Where it falls is very important.
  - c. If seed is thrown along the path it is way too hard to receive the seed.
  - d. Therefore you are just feeding the birds.
- 3. The Reception (Verses 5-6)**
  - a. The reception of the word or seed.
  - b. **Vs. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil.**
  - c. So there was some soil, just not enough.
  - d. **The reception of the word reveals the condition of the heart.**
- 4. The Longevity**
  - a. **Vs. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.**
  - b. Our thorns are life's worries, riches and pleasures.
- 5. The Good Soil (Vs. 8-9)**
  - a. No matter how much, just produce!
  - b. The softer the heart, the better the soil.