

KINGDOM AND DISCIPLESHIP

WEEK 3



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What is the meaning of
"The Parable of the Sower"?

- Matthew 13:1-8 English Standard Version
- **13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. **2** And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. **3** And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. **4** And as he sowed, some seeds fell along **1-the path**, and **the birds** came and devoured them. **5** Other seeds fell on **2-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. **7** Other seeds fell **3-among thorns**, and the thorns grew up and choked them. **8** Other seeds fell on **4-good soil** and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

- Matthew 13:18-23 English Standard Version
- **The Parable of the Sower Explained**
- **18** “Hear then the parable of the sower: **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***. **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. **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. **23** As for what was sown on ***good soil***, this is the one who hears the word and ***understands it***. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The bottom line point of the **Parable of the Four Soils** is this: Whenever the Word of God is proclaimed, to whomever it is proclaimed, there will be four basic responses. How do you typically respond? **The Parable of the Four Soils** goes on to describe the types of things that get in the way of us hearing God's Word and obeying it.



The Parable of the Sower Explained

- **Matthew 13 :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.**



A path is actually made up of tightly packed soil and rocks. The path in the parable represents people who hear the message about the kingdom but do not understand it. The message is not received and the evil one snatches away the seed that was sown. Why do you think the seed on the path was snatched away so quickly ?

Jesus explains that the seeds represent the word of the kingdom.

Those who do not understand it are the **hard soil of the path.** Such persons are hardened or resistant, and the message **never even penetrates the surface.** Satan snatches away that truth like a bird grabbing a seed

Jesus was saying when you receive the Lord; the old devil will **quickly** try to tell you that you didn't get anything. The devil will also, bring numerous temptations to lure you away from Jesus. Your troubles begin when you receive the Lord.

The devil does not want you to be able to stay with your new found faith. This particular parable indicates someone who was **too shallow to keep the faith.**

Matthew 13: 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.



The rocky ground represents people who immediately receive the message with joy, yet the message does not take root in their hearts . They endure in faith and kingdom living , but only for a while. Sadly, they fall away when they experience ***trials and persecution**. How do a tribulation and persecution test our faith? What are some ways your faith has been tested?



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Mateo 13:7

May mga binhi namang nalaglag sa may matitinik na halaman. Lumago ang mga halamang matitinik at sinakal ng mga ito ang mga binhing tumubo doon.

Other seeds fell ***3-among thorns***, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Matthew 13:22

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.



- Mateo 13:22
- **22** Ang lupang may matitinik na damo, kung saan nahulog ang iba pang binhi ay ang mga taong nakinig ng salita *ng Dios*. Ngunit dahil sa mga ***alalahanin dito sa mundo at sa paghahangad na yumaman,** nakalimutan nila ang salita *ng Dios*, kaya hindi namunga ang salita *sa buhay nila*.

The thorny ground represents those who hear the word but are too consumed with the worries , anxious concerns and **wealth** of the world. As a result, the seed that was sown cannot grow.

People who want to get rich fall into *temptation* and a *trap* and into many *foolish* and *harmful* desires that *plunge men into ruin and destruction.*

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and *pierced themselves with many griefs.*

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1 Timothy 6:9-10

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Matthew 13:8 Other seeds fell on *good soil* and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.



Matthew 13:23 As for what was sown on **good soil**, this is the one who hears the word and **understands it**. **He indeed bears fruit and yields**, in one case a **hundredfold**, in another **sixty**, and in another **thirty**."

