

*Sower and the Seed*

*Matthew 13:1-9*



# The Best Teacher

◈ **Matthew 13:1-2** - That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach.



# Rules for Public Speaking

1. Make the Audience the Center of Your Attention
2. Focus on Relationships
3. Understand the Purpose
4. Effective Body Language and Appearance

# Let Him Hear

◈ **Matthew 13:9** - <sup>9</sup>He who has ears let him hear.”



# The Sower, Seed, and Ground

◆ **Matthew 13:3** - <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow.

# The SEED

- ◆ The SEED being sown here is the Word of God.
- ◆ This is an incorruptible seed.
- ◆ **1 Peter 1:23** - <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;



# The SOWER

- ◆ The SOWER that scatters the seed is Jesus and later it will be his servants and ministers who carry on the call of the Gospel Message.
- ◆ We are called to be God's workers in His field.
- ◆ **1 Corinthians 3:9** - <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

# The GROUND

- ◆ The GROUND in which the seed is sown is the hearts of men – which are either open or closed to the Word of God.
- ◆ A man's heart is like the soil, capable of improvement and bearing fruit, if one is willing to listen and apply the Scriptures to their lives.
- ◆ **Proverbs 4:23** - Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. (NIV)
- ◆ **Mark 7:21** - For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,



# Wise and Foolish Builders

◆ **Matthew 7:24-27** - <sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”



# Seeds that Fell Along the Path

◆ **Matthew 13:4** - <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.



# Seeds that Fell Along the Path

- ◆ **Matthew 13:19** - <sup>19</sup> 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.

## Seeds That Fell on Rocky Ground

◆ **Matthew 13:5-6** - <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.



# Standing in the Face of Persecution

◆ **Luke 21:12-13** - <sup>12</sup> But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup> This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

## Seeds That Fell on Rocky Ground

◆ **Matthew 13:20-21** - <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> 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.<sup>l</sup>



# Seeds Sown Among the Thorns

◆ **Matthew 13:7** - <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

# Thorns

- ◆ Thorns are used in the Bible to illustrate their danger in our lives.
- ◆ **Proverbs 15:19** - <sup>19</sup> The way of a sluggard is like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the upright is a level highway.
- ◆ **Proverbs 22:5** - <sup>5</sup> Thorns and snares are in the way of the crooked; whoever guards his soul will keep far from them.
- ◆ **2 Corinthians 12:7** - <sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.



# The Fate of Thorns

- ◆ Remember the ultimate fate of thorns.
- ◆ **Hebrews 6:7-8** - <sup>7</sup> For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. <sup>8</sup> But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

# Seeds Sown Among the Thorns

◆ **Matthew 13:22** - <sup>22</sup> 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.



## Seeds that Fell on Good Soil

◊ **Matthew 13:8** - <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

# Receiving the Word of God

◆ **1 Thessalonians 2:13-14(a)** - <sup>13</sup> And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. <sup>14</sup> For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea.



## Seeds that Fell on Good Soil

◆ **Matthew 13:23** - <sup>23</sup> 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.”