

**The Seed & the Sower: Different Responses to the Word (Parallel Passages of the Seed & Sower Parable)**

		THE PARABLE			THE EXPLANATION			NOTES & OBSERVATIONS	
		Matt 13:3-8	Mark 4:2-9	Luke 8:4-8	Matt 13:18-23	Mark 4:14-20	Luke 8:11-15		
<b>THE SEED</b>		3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow.	2 Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching: 3 "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.	4 And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: 5 "A sower went out to sow his seed.	18 " Therefore hear the parable of the sower:	14 "The sower sows the word.	11 " Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.	One <u>sower</u> One <u>seed</u> The seed is the <u>Word of God</u>	<b>1</b>
	<b>WAYSIDE</b>	4 "And as he sowed, some [seed] fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.	4 "And it happened, as he sowed, [that] some [seed] fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it.	And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.	19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand [it,] then the wicked [one] comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.	15 "And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.	12 "Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should <b>believe</b> and be saved.	They hear the Word, but do <u>not</u> understand it The Word is sown in their <u>hearts</u> Birds = the <u>wicked</u> [one]; <u>Satan</u> ; the <u>devil</u> The devil takes away the Word out of their <u>hearts</u> (false education and direction; dilution of ecumenism; selfishness; distraction; false religion which redefine terms) Why: To prevent people from <u>believing</u> and thus being saved.	<b>2</b>
<b>STONY / ROCKY</b>		5 "Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.	5 "Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth.	6 "Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up,	20 "But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;	16 "These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness;	13 "But the ones on the rock [are those] who, when they hear, receive the word with joy;	<u>Hear</u> and <u>receive</u> the Word	<b>3</b>
	6 "But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.	6 "But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.	it withered away because it lacked moisture.	27 "yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.	17 "and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.	and these have no root, who <b>believe</b> for a while and in time of temptation fall away.	Have no <u>root</u> (Col 2:6-7) ("rooted and built up..." – <u>believer</u> talk) Who <u>believe</u> for awhile (believers – John 3:18) Experience tribulation or persecution because of the Word – they are walking in the Word in some way <u>Stumble</u> ; fall away (Paul "disqualified")	<b>4</b>	

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<b>THORNS</b>	7"And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.	7"And some [seed] fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.	7"And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.	22"Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.	18"Now these are the ones sown among thorns; [they are] the ones who hear the word, 19"and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.	14"Now the ones [that] fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">5</p> <p><u>Hear</u> the Word [Accepted the Word] Becomes <u>unfruitful</u>; brings no fruit to <u>maturity</u> Focus or purpose Choking Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Cares</u> – worries</li> <li>• <u>Riches</u> – pursuit of things</li> <li>• <u>Pleasures</u> – what feels good</li> </ul>
<b>GOOD GROUND</b>	8"But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.	8"But other [seed] fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."	8"But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold."	23"But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands [it,] who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."	20"But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept [it,] and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."	15"But the ones [that] fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep [it] and bear fruit with patience.	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">6</p> <p><u>Hear</u> (with a noble and good heart) <u>Understand</u> <u>Accept</u> <u>Keep</u> it Bear <u>fruit</u> with <u>patience</u>. <u>Three</u> levels of fruitfulness.</p>
	9"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"	9"And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"	When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"				<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7</p> <p>What are YOU going to do about it? Evaluate yourself – which categorizes you? Are you Good Ground? If not, what do you need to become Good Ground?</p>