Matthew 13:1-23

49 The Parable of the Sower



Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by _____; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had _____ they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and _____ them. But others fell on good ground and _____: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Matthew 13:3-9)

The parable of the sower told by Jesus is explaining the responses that people have in their hearts when they listen to God's Word. Despite listening to the same gospel, someone receiving the salvation depends on how people receive the Word in their hearts, and the parable describes the four main types of responses in people's hearts.

First, the seed is the Word of God (Luke 8:11). If the seed falls by the wayside, it describes a heart that has been hardened and that refuses to accept the Word from the beginning. People with this type of heart are those whose hearts have been taken away (Luke 8:12) by "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2), i.e. Satan.

Next, the stony places which have shallow soil describe hearts that may seem soft on the outside, but still unrelenting and selfish on the inside. In these places, since the root cannot develop adequately, once the sun came up, the plant ended up drying up (Matthew 13:6). Sun is absolutely necessary for development of plants, but for plants without solid roots, sun can be hazardous. Likewise, hardship is absolutely necessary for the maturation of true Christians, but those without solid spiritual foundation cannot withstand the hardship.

Thirdly, thorns represent anything that may hinder the spiritual lives. The seeds that have fallen among thorns symbolize those who are not able to bear the spiritual fruits in their lives due to worries and temptations of this world.

Lastly, good ground represents the hearts that truly have the thirst for the truth and bearing the fruit with patience represents the spiritual live that overcomes the worries and the temptations of this world and achieving a victorious spiritual life.

Just as a farmer sows seeds to bear fruits, God saved us for the same purpose of bearing more fruits. As born again Christians, we cannot continue to be a child spiritually, but we must mature spiritually to be useful workers of God. If we keep the Gospel only to ourselves, it would lead to shameful salvation and we will receive rebuke for the judgment seat of Christians.

Fellowship

01. Write down 1 Peter 1:23 and find what "seed" means in this verse.

02. Why did Jesus use many parables? (Matthew 13:15-16, Luke 8:10)

03. What are the obstacles in your spiritual lives that prevent you from bearing spiritual fruits just as the seed in thorns could not bear fruits? (Matthew 13:22)

04. Out of the nine spiritual fruits of born again Christians, write down which one you already have? (Galatians 5:22-23)

Memory Verse(s)

Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever. (1 Peter 1:23)



{Looking back}

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