

The Parable of the Sower and the Four Soils

When we feel detached, Jesus is lifting us above the things of the world.

Matthew 13:10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

12 "For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

John 1:9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

16 "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.

Matthew 13: 1 Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea.

2 And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.

3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow;

4 and as he sowed, some seeds fell ~~beside~~ **on the side of** the road, and the birds came and ate them up.

5-6 "Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 "Others fell among the ~~thorns~~ **weeds**, and the thorns came up and choked them out.

8 "And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

9 "He who has ears, let him hear."

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower.

Matthew 13:37 And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man

19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and ~~does not understand~~ does not **assimilate** it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

20 "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

22 "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and ~~understands~~ **assimilates** it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace

Ephesians 3:17-18 ...that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able ~~to comprehend~~ to **seize** {i.e. grab onto} with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

John 15:1-2 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the bears vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, ~~He takes away~~ He **lifts up**; and every branch that fruit, ~~He prunes~~ He **washes** it so that it may bear more fruit."