



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 8:4-15 (NAS)

Topic: "The Soil"

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- 4 And when a great multitude were coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable:
- 5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road; and it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up.
- 6 "And other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.
- 7 "And other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it, and choked it out.
- 8 "And other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great." As He said these things, He would call out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."
- 9 And His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable might be.
- 10 And He said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, in order that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.
- 11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.
- 12 "And those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved.
- 13 "And those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.
- 14 "And the seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.
- 15 "And the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

III. THE INTERPRETATION OF THE PARABLE

A. Three Of The Four Types Of Soil Fail To Produce

B. The Fourth Is The Only Good Soil

APPLICATION:

1. We Are To Be Sowers

2. We Are Not To Be Disheartened By The Responses *Isaiah 55:11*

3. Only The Lord Can Change The Heart

I. HOW DO WE DEAL WITH THE HEART THAT HAS GROWN COLD?

A. Have They Lost Their Salvation? *John 10:27-29*

B. Are They Carnal Christians? *John 10:27; Hebrews 12:6-11*

C. Have They Only Superficially Responded To The Gospel?

II. WHY THE PARABLE?

A. It Is A Familiar Example

B. There Are Four Types Of Soil

C. Purpose Of The Parable May Be To Reveal Or Conceal