

The Parable of the Sower (Matt: 13:3-23)

What is a parable?

A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. It is also a story that uses typical everyday situations in order to teach important truths.

In the Bible, Jesus told a story about the word of God being like a seed that a sower (farmer) threw out. It fell on many kinds of soil.

Some of the seed fell by the **wayside**, along a path. The birds came down and ate the seed. This is like the person who hears the message but does not understand it. The evil one comes and takes it away.

Some seed fell on **rocky ground**. The plants came up quickly, but there was not much soil so the plants dried up. This is the person who receives the word but falls away when trouble comes.

Some fell on the **thorny ground** and the thorn bushes choked the seed. This is the person who is worried about life and wealth.

Then some of the seed fell on **good ground**. Those seeds grew into healthy plants and produced a good crop, some a hundred fold, some sixty and some thirty fold.

"the good soil," said Jesus, "is like people who are honest. When they hear God's word they remember it, and do what God says." These people produce a bountiful crop for the Lord.



Questions

1. What is a parable?

2. The word of God is being compared to a _____

3. Who is the sower/farmer? _____

4. The birds represent _____

5. Match the meaning in column **B** with the type of seeds in column **A**.

Column A		Column B
☐ Seeds fell by the wayside		A. Persons concern about health and life
☐ Seeds fell on rocky ground		B. Seeds grew into healthy plants.
☐ Seeds fell on thorny ground		C. Persons receive the word of God but fell away during trouble times.
☐ Seeds fell on good ground.		D. Birds eat these seeds

6. Write the simile in paragraph 6 that tells what God said good soil is like. _____

7. Besides Matthew 13:3-23. Where else in the New Testament can you find the Parable of the Sower?

8. Write a summary of the Sower.