The Parable of The Sower Sun Am 3/5/23

Matthew 13:1-9 (NKJV)

**13**On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea.

**2**And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

*The people were hungry for the Word of God, they made an effort and a sacrifice to hear and to learn.*

**3**Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow.

**4**And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.

*The seed is the Word of God. Notice that the same seed is sown everytime. There was no deficiency in the seed.*

**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.

*A stony heart, no depth, no real place to produce and grow. An immediate but unlasting effect.*

**6**But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.

**7**And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

*Thorns here represent uncast cares, cares that have more prevalence and importance than the Word of God.*

**8**But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

*Good ground is a heart that gets and stays prepared, making the Word of God the priority and keeps an unfailing faith in the Word of God as final authority.*

**9**He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

*To hear is a command, Jesus never tells us to do something that He has not already equipped us to do, however there must be obedience.*

# Matthew 13:18-23 (NKJV)

**18**“Therefore hear the parable of the sower:

**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.

*We can ask for and receive wisdom and understanding. James 1:5. If we give no place to the devil, he cannot steal the Word from us.*

**20**But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

**21**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.

**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.

*The Word works if we work the Word.*

**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.”

*We must hear the Word, not just know that words are being said but receive it into our spirit, meditate on them, store them into our heart.*

# Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

**12**For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

# Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

**12**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

**2**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

# Romans 8:28-31 (NKJV)

**28**And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. **29**For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**30**Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

**31**What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?