

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

# The Seed and the Soils

Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20

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1. The truth a - bout You is a seed, lov - ing Fa - ther, So small, but so  
 2. But some hearts are hard - ened and sim - ply ig - nore it, While some are so  
 3. But some hearts are o - pen and glad - ly re - ceive it. Now root - ed in  
 4. So help us re - ceive all the truth You are sow - ing, Not on - ly the

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fruit - ful - that's how it's de - signed. You scat - ter the seed with Your lov - ing per -  
 shal - low it nev - er takes root. And some are so clut - tered with wor - ries and  
 faith, how Your seed starts to grow! Tho' ev - er so small, it is grow - ing Your  
 lit - tle our com - forts al - low. We o - pen our lives to Your best, ho - ly

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sist - ence. You long for its growth in each heart and each mind.  
 com - forts, They choke out the truth, and it nev - er bears fruit.  
 King - dom. Its glo - ri - ous fruit on - ly har - vest will show.  
 Fa - ther. The Sow - er is pass - ing. The sea - son is now.

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LEAD-IN: *[Jesus] told them many things in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and they sprang up immediately, because they had no depth of soil. But after the sun rose, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. But others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times as much. The one who has ears, let him hear."*  
(Matthew 13:3-9, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **The Seed and the Soils**

God has good news to tell –  
wonderful news that can  
    bless every life beyond imagination,  
news that will literally transform  
    the entire world.

The news is  
    God's new Kingdom,  
    His glorious new relationship with  
        all our race and with  
        every individual.

He longs for each of us to  
    accept and  
    enjoy this new relationship.

It is free, and it brings  
    untold wealth of  
    joy and blessing.

So He spreads the news everywhere,  
    to every mind and heart.  
He is like a generous sower  
    scattering seed over all kinds of soil,  
    not wanting to miss a single spot  
        where the soil might bear fruit.

But some soil is too hard,  
    so the seed never penetrates it.  
Some soil is too shallow for the seed to take root,  
    so the seed springs up quickly  
    but soon is withered by the hot sun.  
Some soil is too thorny,  
    too cluttered with fruitless plants  
    that choke out the seed and  
    give it no chance to bear fruit.  
But some soil is good.

It gives the seed room to  
take root,  
grow, and  
bear abundant fruit.

How are you receiving God's precious seed,  
His wonderful news of  
unbounded life and joy?

What kind of soil is  
your mind and  
your heart?

Are you receiving God's seed with faith,  
giving it room to grow,  
keeping your heart and mind weeded of  
competing, fruitless priorities?

Realize that we receive from God,  
not everything His infinite love longs to give,  
but only what our hardened, shallow, cluttered hearts will allow.

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