

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

SEED PARABLE (MATTHEW 13:1-23)

I. NARRATIVE

1. ALL GOOD SEED, BUT DIFFERENT SOIL
2. TYPES OF SOIL
 - ① WAYSIDE → BIRDS TOOK AWAY
 - ② ROCKY GROUND → NO DEPTH, SO WITHERED AWAY
 - ③ THORNS → CHOKED BY THORNS
 - ④ GOOD SOIL → 100, 60, 30 FOLD YIELD

II. NARRATIVE

1. "WHY DO YOU SPEAK TO THEM IN PARABLES?"
2. "TO YOU IT IS GIVEN TO KNOW THE MYSTERIES."
3. "TO HIM WHO HAS WILL BE GIVEN, BUT FROM HIM..."
4. "BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES... AND YOUR EARS"

— ANALYSIS

- ① DISCIPLES ARE TO TEACH OTHERS
- ② THE ILL-DISPOSED WILL NOT LISTEN
- ③ THE DISCIPLES
 - SEE THE INFINITE GOD IN JESUS CHRIST
 - HEAR THE ALL-WISE GOD IN CHRIST'S WORDS

III. NARRATIVE

1. WAYSIDE SOIL

- ① ppl who hear God's word, but fail to understand it
- ② therefore primary duty of a Christian is to grasp the meaning of the faith: "What does this mystery (Trinity, Incarnation, Real Presence...) mean? How am I to put this mystery into practice?"
- ③ otherwise the faith will be lost.

2. ROCKY GROUND

- ① ppl who at first happy to b/v
- ② But come troubles and persecution for the faith; they give up
- ③ Expect the cross from within and opposition from without

3. AMONG THORNS

- ① ppl who become worried and seduced by the world.
- ② So fruitless.
- ③ No worry, and guard against worldly pleasure

4. GOOD SOIL

- ① ppl who are the opposite of the first three kinds of soil
- ② Only they bear fruit
- ③ Yet the fruitfulness differs
 - 100
 - 60
 - 30
- ④ Use the gifts you have
- ⑤ No envy
- ⑥ Thank God