

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for February 9, 1986

Parable of the Sower
Matthew 13:1-58
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Introduction:

Israel for all intents and purposes has rejected Jesus as their king by the time we get to **Matthew 13**. This means that the kingdom as described in the Old Testament is postponed. A new form of the kingdom will soon be ushered in, a form of the kingdom which was never anticipated in the Old Testament. It is a mystery. Therefore it was necessary for Jesus to give to His disciples instruction concerning what they might expect in respect to the future. What they might expect in the future is what we have commonly referred to as the church age.

Jesus chose to explain the mysteries of the kingdom in parables. The parable of the sower and the soils explains to us what we should expect in terms of how the world will respond to our message, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Body

1. Description:

How will the world respond to the message of Christ that we have been given?
We must have proper expectation of how this message will be received.

A. Sowing:

Using the broadcast method, throwing seed everywhere was to cover the soil.

B. Soils:

1. Trampled Soil:

Beside the road. Patches trampled hard by public passage.
Traveled road, public domain.

2. Rocky soil:

Limestone formation covered by a thin layer of soil.

3. Thorny soil:

The thorn bushes were important to the people for cooking and burning for heat. Thorn bushes surrounded the fields.

2. Interpretation:

Hear then the parable—Jesus reveals the truth to His disciples.

A. Sowing:

Sowing the Word of God, the gospel of the kingdom. Genuine possession gives life.

B. Soils:

1. Trampled: Pictures one hard and calloused as the trampled path (heart condition). Christ is warning that this is the way it is going to be. With some the Word will have no effect. Some will receive the Word with great excitement but will quickly fade away when affliction occurs (rocky soil).

Among the thorns. Same response because it is choked out by the pressure or the cares and worries of the world. The number one problem here is pursuing money. What may at one time to have appeared Christian is gone.

Verse 23, Seed sown in good soil produces abundant yield.

Commitments:

1. To sow and not quit.

2. To demonstrate yielded-ness, to be good soil.

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