

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"The Parable of the Sower"

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (Matthew 13:1-23)

Introduction

- The Seed, the Hearers, and Erroneous Assumptions (2 Timothy 3:5; Acts 28:23, 31)

I. The Seed that fell on the Wayside (13:4, 19)

- The Word of the Kingdom Snatched away by the Devil (James 1:23-24; Acts 17:32; Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 1:18-23; 1 Corinthians 2:14)

II. The Seed that fell on Stony places (13:4-6, 20-21)

- A. Temporary Faith with no root (1 Peter 1:7)
- B. Falls away under Tribulation and Persecution (1 John 2:19; Hosea 6:4)

III. The Seed that fell among thorns (13:7, 22)

- A. The word choked out by the Cares of the world (James 2:17, 20)
- B. The word choked out by the Deceitfulness of Riches (Matthew 19:23-24; Mark 8:36)

IV. The Seed that fell on good ground (13:8, 23)

- A heart prepared by God to produce fruit from the seed sown (Ezekiel 36:25b-27; Galatians 5:22-23)

Conclusion/Application

- You will be known by the fruit you bear (Matthew 7:16)
- Be rooted and grounded in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 3:17-19)