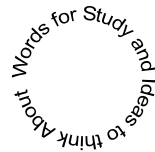
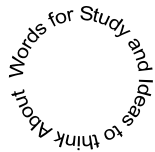


What other Lessons can we Learn?

Different people will take the Gospel differently. Some people will gladly accept the Gospel and grow in it while others will not even begin to listen to it.

The Sower sowed the seed and the fruit brought forth was dependent upon the soil. Sometimes we may be discouraged when we try to teach others the word, but we need to understand that as long as we teach the truth in love we have done what the Lord expects of us.

We need to make sure that we are cultivating our heart the best we can. We need to study so that we will be grounded and rooted in faith and love. We need to put Christ first so that we do not let the world take over our life. Three of the four soils let the word begin to grow but only one of those three brought forth fruit to completion. Let us take heed and work to cultivate our heart to live for Christ.



A Study of Matthew

Matthew 13:1-23

Lesson 11

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 13:24-57

Memory Verse — Matthew 13:23

Jesus used many parables to teach his disciples during his life on earth. One of these parables is the parable of the Sower. In this parable Jesus describes four different types of soil. The soils represent the hearts of men. In the soils a Sower sows seeds. The seed being the word of God. Each of these soils react to the word in a different way and through this parable Christ describes the different ways in which men receive the Gospel.

The four soils are the wayside, rocky, thorny, and good soil. The wayside is soil which will not even allow the seed to begin to grow and the seed is then carried away by the birds. The rocky soil is soil in which the seeds begin to grow, but the plants cannot develop roots; as long as the weather is just right(not too sunny and not too much rain) they will continue. The thorny soil is soil where the plant grows but the thorns eventually choke it out. Finally, the good soil is the soil which takes the seed and grows, develops roots, and is not overcome by weeds and then brings forth some thirty, some sixty, and some even one hundredfold.

When looking at this from a spiritual perspective Christ describes the wayside as the heart which when the word is sown Satan comes and steals it away. The rocky soil is the heart that cannot endure temptation or persecution and when trouble comes it dies. The thorny soil is the heart that allows other things to crowd out

spiritual things. Jesus describes the things choking the seed as worldly cares and pleasures. Finally, the good soil is the heart that after hearing the word goes and brings forth fruit many times over.

We should long to be that good soil. If we are bringing forth the good fruit we can know that we are the good soil. The fruits of the Spirit should be present in our life.(Galatians 5:22-24) If we are not as good as soil as we would like to be we need to develop roots in Christ by studying his word and cultivating our faith. If we are having a problem of letting other things get ahead of Christ we need to seek the Kingdom first. If we make a conscience effort to put Christ first and realize his importance in our life we can have a chance at putting him first. The Lord pointed out the value of our soul when he said, "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Our soul is more valuable than this whole world and recognizing this we should put God first.

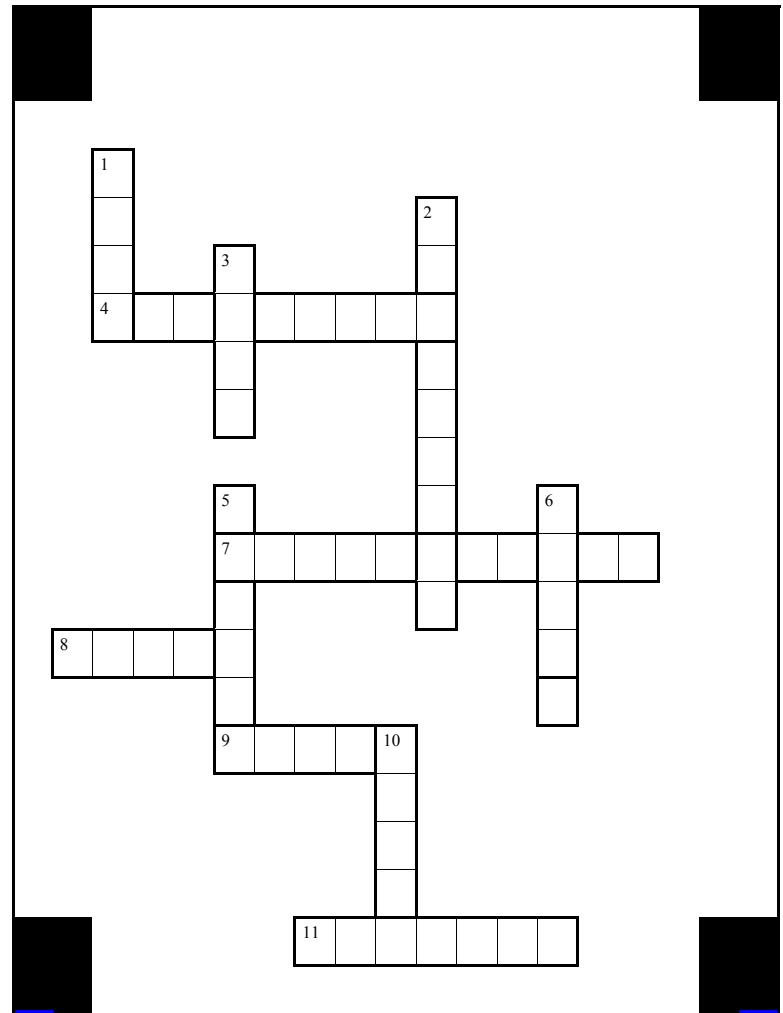
However, to put Christ first we must first hear his words. One point Christ made to his disciples was that these people hearing, hear not and seeing see not. As Christians we should read God's word to learn his will. As Christians we should yearn to learn more clearly God's will for our life. This is a life long journey that should never end throughout our entire life. May it never be said of us that seeing we see not and hearing we hear not. Let us be like those in Berea who studied the scriptures daily to see if the teachings they were being taught were so(Acts 17:10-11) and let us be like the man told of in the psalms who delights in the law of the Lord meditating upon it day and night(Psalms 1:2).

Questions

1. Who is the Sower?

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Answer the Questions on Page
to fill in the Puzzle.



Cross Word Fun for Learning

Across

4. Many Prophets and _____ Men desired to know the things that were revealed to the disciples and now us.(13:17)
7. The seed that fell on good ground brought forth some _____, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.(13:23)
8. Who went out to sow?(13:3)
9. What did the Sower Sow?(13:4)
11. The ground on which the birds came down and ate the seeds.(13:4)

Down

1. Who hath ears to hear let him _____.(13:9)
2. It was given to the Disciples to know the _____ of the kingdom.(13:11)
3. Jesus taught the people from a _____.(13:2)
5. What choked the seeds and was similar to the cares of this world and deceitfulness of riches choking God's word from us. (13:7,22)
6. Why did the seeds that fell upon the stony ground die? Because they had no _____.(13:6)
10. The seed sown in this soil died because it could not endure tribulation and persecution.(13:20-21)

Lesson 10 - Across - 2. Pharisees, 5. Hungred,

7. Divided, 10. Mouth, 11. Sign, 12. Synagogue -

Down - 1. Sabbath, 3. Kingdom, 4. Sheep, 6. Withered,

8. Mercy, 9. Judgement

2. What does the seed Represent?

3. What were the different types of soil?

4. What does the soil represent?

5. What does this Parable mean? What can we learn from this parable?

6. What does it mean "seeing they see not and hearing they hear not"?

7. What kind of fruit should we be bring forth as good plants? (Galatians 5:22-24)

Match the Types of Soil

Write in the type of Soil, Original Verse, The Meaning verse, and the letter of the meaning.

1. _____
And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

2. _____
But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

3. _____
And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

4. _____
Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth:

and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

Types of Soil - Wayside, Rocky, Thorny, Good

Original Verse-Matthew 13:4, 13:5-6, 13:7, 13:8

Meaning Verses - 13:19, 13:20-21, 13:22, 13:23

Meaning

- a. Satan Takes Word
- b. Can not endure persecution and temptation
- c. Choked by cares and riches of world
- d. Produces good fruit

Review

1. What City was Jesus born in?(Matt. 2)
2. What does Emmanuel mean?(Matt. 1:23)
3. Whom did John come in the Spirit of? (Matt. 3)
4. What was John's message?(Matt. 3)
5. Why was Jesus baptized?(Matt. 3)
6. How should we feel when men persecute us and try us?(Matt. 5)
7. What did Christ say about the harvest in Matthew 9?
8. What does it mean, "He that finds his life will lose it and he who loses his life for my sake will find it"?(Matt. 10)
9. How do we come to know the Father? (Matt. 11)
10. Will life always be easy in Christ?(Matt. 11)
11. What sign did Jesus promise the Pharisees and scribes in Matthew 12?