

LET THE SEED
DO ITS WORK

LUKE 8:4-15

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4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Luke 8:4-15 - continued

9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Luke 8:4-15 - continued

13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Introduction

A. A crowd to hear (8:4)

B. A concept to grasp (8:10)

C. A crop desired (8:8)

James 5:7-8

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

I. A Universal Sowing

A. The Sower's intent is for the seed to work (8:5)

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Revelation 14:6

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

I. A Universal Sowing

B. The soils variety (8:6-8)

1. The hard heart

Mark 6:52

For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

2. The shallow heart

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I. A Universal Sowing

B. The soils variety (8:6-8) - continued

3. The distracted heart

Luke 9:62

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

I. A Universal Sowing

B. The soils variety (8:6-8) - continued

4. The delivered heart

a. Prepared

Jeremiah 4:3

For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

b. Purified

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

I. A Universal Sowing

C. The spread of the seed

Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

II. A Unique Seed

A. The nature of the seed (8:11)

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

II. A Unique Seed

B. The nurture of the seed

Isaiah 55:11

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

II. A Unique Seed

C The never-ending relevance of the seed

1. Because it is incorruptible

1 Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

2. Because it is incomparable

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

III. A Utility Of The Seed

A. Growth in right soil (8:8)

1. A desire

1 Peter 2:1-2

2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

2. A difference

John 15:4

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

III. A Utility Of The Seed

B. Gain in the crop

Acts 2:47

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Ephesians 2:21

In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

III. A Utility Of The Seed

C. Glory to God

John 15:8

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

The Seed has Been Sown

**What Kind Of Soil
Are You?**