

Reading: Matthew Chapter 13

One day Jesus was on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, he was surrounded by people. He had borrowed a boat and was a little way from shore. And in the boat he taught the people that sat on the shore. They loved hearing stories that Jesus told and would be waiting eagerly to hear what he had to say.

The parable that Jesus told was about a farmer who went out to sow his seed. As he scattered the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But then the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Jesus' parable of the sower is a lesson to us, we are like soil. Some people are so like the hard path that they won't listen to Jesus's teaching or learn from the bible. Others listen for a little while, but they are like the seed on the stony ground, it doesn't go very deep, and when cares and troubles come along, they don't bother any more. Those among thorns are like those who listen, but who are more interested in having a good time and lots of pleasure and this chokes out any time for thinking about God and reading their Bibles. Those on good ground, are those who listen, and read, and work for God and his Son Jesus.

We want to be like the good soil to produce a good crop and do all we can to please God and work for Him.