

The Real Picture Behind the Truth

Paths, Rocks, Weeds, and Dirt

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Matthew 13:1 On that day Jesus went out of the house, and was sitting by the sea.

² And great multitudes gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole multitude was standing on the beach.

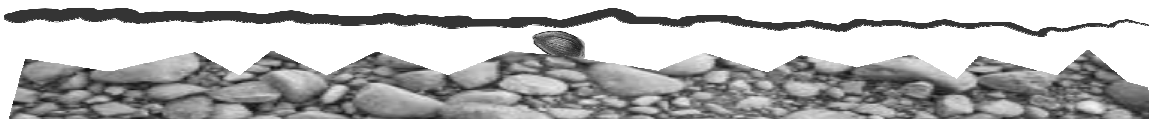
³ And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow;

⁴ and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.



⁵ "And others fell upon the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

⁶ "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.



⁷ "And others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.



⁸ "And others fell on the good soil, and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."



⁹ "He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

¹¹ And He answered and said to them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

¹² "For whoever has, to him shall *more* be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

¹³ "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

¹⁴ "And in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; And you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;

¹⁵ For the heart of this people has become dull, And with their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes Lest they should see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I should heal them.'

¹⁶ "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.

¹⁷ "For truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*; and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower.

¹⁹ "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil *one* comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

²⁰ "And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy;

²¹ yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

²² "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²³ "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."