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Parable #1 - Part 2

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Matthew 13:1-9 // Mark 4:2-9 // Luke 8:4-8

We all have seen over time people we know –
who have made a decision to follow Jesus Christ, they attended church and even serve in a church – only to see them eventually return back to the world and even become worse off than before –
Why? What has happened to them?

Matthew 13:3-9

:3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. **:4** And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. **:5** Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. **:6** But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. **:7** And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. **:8** But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. **:9** He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

**In part One of this study of the Parables
we Considered the Following...**

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1.) The Mission

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Matthew 13:1-3

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. :2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. :3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "**Behold, a sower went out to sow.**"

Jesus Communicates The Gospel Mission Thru Common Means

The farmer / sower sows with expectation. Israel then - like Israel today - is steeped in agriculture. The land is always being made ready for farming.

The Entire Mission is One of Hope

(A farmer farms in hope to this very day all around the world)
The Soil and The Climate is All Important.

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2.) The Placement

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The First Illustrative Warning

Matthew 13:4

And as he sowed, **some seed** fell **by the wayside**;
and the birds came and devoured them.

**The Placement of the Seed – (is liberally given out generously),
of the Word/Seed is in The Heart of a Man;**

**Even Though The Placement is Generous –
an Enemy is Waiting**

Matthew 13:18-19

"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: :19 When anyone **hears the word of the kingdom**, and does not understand it, then **the wicked one** comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.
This is he who received seed by the wayside.

and so now we continue on...

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3.) The Reception

v.5-6

The Second Illustrative Warning

Matthew 13:5-6

:5 some seed fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. **:6** But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.

Luke 8:13

But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, (1) receive the word with joy; and these (2) have no root, (3) **who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.**

They never allowed themselves to be carried by Belief all the way over to faith – They only believed for awhile.

Over the years I have seen this happen to many people. They seem to explode in faith and ability. Well meaning but careless people endorse them or promote them, but they have not experienced any trials or “beatings” for being a Christian.

The Reception of the Word/Seed Reveals The Condition of the Heart;

These are people who, hearing a message, are very excited and very zealous about Christianity and Being a Christian.

They are usually super spiritual very quickly – like a shooting star across the night sky. – Brilliant for a moment.

Stones were used to delineate between the farmer’s fields one from another, (a boundary line). Stones and rocks were also used to shore up an indented area.

:6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and **because they had no root** they withered away.

Why Burned Up?

Because The Soil There was Shallow and So Water would congregate on the Surface and the seeds would quickly sprout and grow.

Jesus Interprets The Parable

Matthew 13:20-21

But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; **:21** yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

The Dawkins Delusion

I believe this is the case with people like Charles Darwin, Hitchens & Dawkins... (they say they were Christians once or knew all about Christianity but developed their intellect to such a degree that they evolved into....
Illogical, emotionally based children of a lesser god.

They had emotional responses to Christianity – but that’s all.

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4.) The Longevity

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The Third Illustrative Warning

Matthew 13:7

And **some seed** fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

Luke 8:14

Now the ones *that* fell among **thorns** are those who, when they have heard, go out and are **choked** with **cares, riches, and pleasures** of life, and bring **no fruit to maturity**.

There is only so much room in our minds. We cannot **take** everything in and if we try to – we’ ll find ourselves unable to focus and to concentrate on the real issues of life.

The Thorns / Weeds Always

get the best of the water, the nutrients, the sun.

So Then the Cares and Worries and Demands of Southern California Life act just like thorns and weeds – they will, with a subtle vengeance strangle.

Their Lives Failed to Develop Because of Worrying and or Riches and or Ease and over time they have no “example” or “testimony” to speak of...

Philippians 4:6-7

Be **anxious** for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **:7** and the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will **guard** your **hearts** and **minds** through Christ Jesus.

How can we know if our hearts are not this heart?

What affects us // What excites us // What concerns us // What motivates us

John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **:16** For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world. **:17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it;

Take Inventory of Your Heart + Check Your Course

Matthew 13:12

For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

And **some seed** fell among thorns...

Thorns, Weeds, Briers
All Seem To Be Resistant to Heat and Drought and Traffic.

Jesus Interprets The Parable

Matthew 13:22

Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

We Must Pause for an Examination

Is there any evidence of weeds, thorns or choking in my life?

Indicator #1 Our Spiritual Lungs;
Private prayer? Spouse prayer? Child prayer?

Indicator #2 Our Personal Devotion;
Personal meditation? Personal thoughts? Personal convictions?

Indicator #3 Our Public Witness;
Attend church faithfully? Evangelize others? Engage evil?

The Word Never was Allowed to Convert Them

Hebrews 6:4-6

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, :5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, :6 if they fall away (*go backward*), to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. (*there is no other allowance, payment for sins*)

**There is only so much “allowable-space”
in your head, your mind - our attention “space” is limited.**

What do we allow and let into our mind-space / mind-field?

**If we allow the world to take up the space
then there will be no room left for God**

2 Corinthians 10:5

(*we are to be in the habit of*) **casting** down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing** every thought into **captivity** to the obedience of Christ,

“Do You Wanna Know God and Things About God?”

**Think about how we sit here and listen to the exact same thing in the teaching –
but someone will never do a thing with what is heard – *why?***

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The Fourth Illustrative Warning

Matthew 13:8

But **some seed** fell on good ground and yielded a crop:
some a (100%) hundredfold, some (60%) sixty, some (30%) thirty.

5.) the Results

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The Results

Confirm the Word/Seed Being Present in a Man;

And Finally - Jesus Interprets The Parable

Matthew 13:23

But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

Luke 8:15

But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble (*honest*) and good (*supple*) heart, keep it (*nest, guard, stimulate*) and bear fruit with patience. (*in fair and hostile weather*)

The Sower Knows Success Will Come in Time

Because the Seed is Alive and Gives Life.

Life Produces Fruit & Can Be Expected and Anticipated.

John 15:1-5, 16a

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. :2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. :3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. :4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. :5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. :16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain,

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6.) The Challenge

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Matthew 13:9

He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

**A Very Serious Challenge in Our Day
The Forsaking to Gather in a Church Setting.
Ask the opponents of the Word – Why?**

The Challenge – Are You Willing?

Matthew 13:12

For whoever has, *(every one of us has been given some degree of understanding)* to him more will be given, and he will have abundance *(an increasing knowledge, experience and witness)*; but whoever does not have, *(does nothing with what he has received = this life)* even what he has will be taken away from him.

WE NEED TO PRAY

Jesus Has Been Casting The Seed. I As Well Cast It – So Beware

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

End of Study

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