

Week 17  
January 11, 2009

**The Kingdom is Like a Seed**  
Matthew 13:1-23

**The cultural context**

**What makes this parable unique?**

**What about a seed?**

**Who is the farmer?**

God?

Jesus, specifically?

The *evangel* in general?

Matthew 20:1-16 The generous landowner

Matthew 21:36-46 The landowner and tenants

Matthew 13:24-30 The good seed and the weeds

Matthew 13:31-32 The mustard seed

Proverbs 11:18 *He who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.*

2 Corinthians 9:6 *Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly ...*

Galatians 6:7 *A man reaps what he sows.*

1 Corinthians 3:6 *I planted the seed, Apollos watered it ...*

**About the soil on the path**

It's shallow

It's trafficked

It's hard

It's exposed

The busy life

The distracted life

The life that's been run over

The outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 11:15 *He who has ears, let him hear.*

Psalms 46:10 *Be still and know that I am God ...*

### **About the soil on the rocky patches**

It's shallow

It's tight

It's hard

It's infertile

The cluttered life

The tough life

The life that's complex

The outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 13:13 *He who stands firm to the end ...*

Ephesians 6:14 *Stand firm, then, with the belt of righteousness ...*

1 Corinthians 16:13 *Stand firm in the faith ...*

Colossians 4:12 *... that you may stand firm in the will of God ...*

2 Thessalonians 2:15 *... stand firm and hold to the teachings ...*

Hebrews 6:19 *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul ...*

### **About the soil among thorns**

It's alive

It's shaded

It's squelched

The compromised life

The conflicted life

The addicted life

The outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 6:25 *... do not worry about this life ...*

Matthew 6:24 *No one can serve two masters ...*

1 Timothy 6:10 *... the love of money is a root of all evil.*

Hebrews 13:5 *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have.*

1 Timothy 6:17 *Command those who are rich in this present world not to ... put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain ...*

### **About the good soil**

It's fertile

It's receptive

It's protected

It's deep

The pregnable life

The sustainable life

The joyful life

The outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 1:3 *He will be like a tree planted firmly by living waters ...*

Proverbs 4:23 *Above all else guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life.*

**How do I prepare the soil of my heart and life?**

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