

A Light in the Darkness

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Mark 4:2-24 (NIV)

²He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: ³“Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.” ⁹Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”...

¹⁴The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

²¹He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand?” ²²For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. ²³If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.” ²⁴“Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “**With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more.**”

- **Your Soul Needs The Light!** (Isaiah 9:2; Isaiah 60:1-2; Micah 7:8; Luke 4:18-21)

“Just like the seed responds to the soil so too does the human soul respond to The Light. And like a desert without vegetation, the Human soul absent the light of Jesus is a barren and desolate place”

- **The Light heals what is broken.** (vs. 8 and 20; Malachi 4:2; Psalm 43:3)

- **The Light/Truth purges and cleanses.** (vs. 23; Psalm 119:105; Psalm 119:130; John 3:19-21)

“When Christ comes into your heart, He brings the light of truth, the light of peace, and the light of joy.” Billy Graham

- **We Need More Light!** (vs. 21-24; Colossians 1:9-14)