

(Matthew 13:1-9) That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

--- Salvation ---

1. **The Path =** \_\_\_\_\_

(Matthew 13:19)

(2 Corinthians 4:4) In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2. **The Rocky Ground =** \_\_\_\_\_

(Matthew 13:20-21)

(1 Peter 4:12) Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

3. **The Thorns =** \_\_\_\_\_

(Matthew 13:22)

(Matthew 6:24) No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

4. **The Good Soil =** \_\_\_\_\_

(Matthew 13:23)

(John 6:44) No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

(John 14:6) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

(John 16:8-11) And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

--- Sanctification ---

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ **the soil** – \_\_\_\_\_

(2 Timothy 1:9 NLT) For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

(2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1) For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ **the seed** – \_\_\_\_\_

(Colossians 2:7) Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

(Ephesians 3:17-19 LB) And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ **the fruit** – \_\_\_\_\_

(Psalm 34:8) Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!