Why Doesn't Everyone Treat the Gospel as Good News?

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Historical Setting (13:1-2)

- Jesus told this parable on the day He had been rejected by the religious leaders.
- Jesus told this parable from a boat on the Sea of Galilee.

The Story (13:3-9; 18-23)

- **The Hardened Soil** (13:3-4; 18-19)
  - Some of the good seed falls on the hardened soil of the road.
  - This soil produces neither faith nor fruit as Satan snatches the seed away.

- **The Rocky Soil** (13:5-6; 20-21)
  - Some of the good seed falls on rocky places with little soil.
  - This soil produces faith but no fruit as trials cause them to fall away.

- **The Thorny Soil** (13:7; 22)
  - Some of the good seed falls on the thorny and weedy soil.
  - This soil produces faith but little fruit as worldly worries choke them off.

- **The Good Soil** (13:8-9; 23)
  - Some of the good seed falls on good, fertile soil.
  - This soil produces faith and a harvest that varies in size.

The Application

Keep tossing out the good seed of the Gospel, knowing that some of it will fall on good soil.





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In the battle for hearts between God and Satan, some of the failure to respond to the word is the devil's work. As a result, any opportunity for faith and salvation is lost. For such people, hearing is the most that happens. There is no attraction to the message or reflection upon it. (733)

Hebrews 2:1, 3a

For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it…. How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?