

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:1-15

*And he said unto them, **Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?** Mark 4:13*

“And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?” **In these words he explained that his illustrations were to awaken thought in the minds of his hearers.** If they desired a fuller explanation of his words they could ask it of him, as the disciples had done, and receive it. { 2SP 235.2 }

“By the parable of the sower, Christ illustrates the things of the kingdom of heaven, and **the work of the great Husbandman for His people.** Like a sower in the field, He came to scatter the heavenly grain of truth. And **His parable teaching itself was the seed** with which the most precious truths of His grace were sown. Because of its simplicity the parable of the sower has not been valued as it should be. From the natural seed cast into the soil, Christ desires to lead our minds to the gospel seed, the sowing of which results in bringing man back to his loyalty to God. He who gave the parable of the tiny seed is the Sovereign of heaven, and the same laws that govern earthly seed sowing govern the sowing of the seeds of truth.” {COL 33.1}

Not according to their expectations

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- The men that are represented by the way side, stony ground, or thorns, are those that have a wrong understanding about the coming of Christ, they don't recognize Christ at 9/11, as it is not in accordance with their expectations.
- My proposition for the application for this parable on our line is as follows:

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- I will try to show this in the following paragraphs.

GROUP 1 – AT THE WAYSIDE:

“The seed sown by the wayside represents the word of God as it falls upon the heart of an inattentive hearer. Like the hard-beaten path, trodden down by the feet of men and beasts,

is the heart that becomes a highway for the world's traffic, its pleasures and sins. Absorbed in selfish aims and sinful indulgences, the soul is "hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Hebrews 3:13. The spiritual faculties are paralyzed. **Men hear the word, but understand it not. They do not discern that it applies to themselves.** They do not realize their need or their danger. They do not perceive the love of Christ, and they pass by the message of His grace as something that does not concern them." {COL 44.2}

Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

Mat 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Mat 13:12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

Mat 13:13 **Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.**

Mat 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, **By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:**

Mat 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Mat 13:16 But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

Isa 6:9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, **but understand not**; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

Isa 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

- This first group represents the first group that reject the message at 9/11. They hear, but understand not.
- They represent the Laodicean SDA church member that doesn't understand the message at 9/11. Representing the first step between 9/11 and MN.

Mat 13:19 **When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.**

- The SDA members reject the message and will be deceived by "the wicked ones". Who are those?

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the **wicked** shall do wickedly: and **none of the wicked shall understand**; but the wise shall understand.

- The wicked are those that fail there three step testing process, (purified, made white and tried);
- At 9/11 there is a group failing there third step: the SDA-leadership;
- The leadership taketh away the seed from the way-side believers as soon as they hear the word and reject to believe it.

Mathew 23:13

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

GROUP 2 – STONY GROUND:

Mat 13:20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon **with joy receiveth it**;

“The comprehension of truth, **the glad reception of the message**, is represented in the **eating of the little book**. The truth in regard to the time of the advent of our Lord was a precious message to our souls.” {19MR 321.1}

- The second group is those that eat the little book at 9/11; they receive it with gladness.

Mat 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when **tribulation** or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by **he is offended**.

Rev 10:9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take *it*, and eat it up; and **it shall make thy belly bitter**, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

Rev 10:10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, **my belly was bitter**.

- But they leave the message because they are not willing the carry the bitter experience connected to the message;
- What is this bitter experience?

Eze 3:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

Eze 3:4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

Eze 3:5 For thou *art* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel;

Eze 3:6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.

Eze 3:7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and hardhearted. ...

Eze 3:14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, **and I went in bitterness**, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

- After eating the little book the message comes to us to bring the message to the house of Israel. This will bring the bitter experience;
- The second group are those that leave the message because of the no-public evangelism message that started to be preached since 2014. They left the message in the time period of the Joel controversy.

Great shaking

“I was pointed to the providence of God among His people and was shown that every trial made by the refining, purifying process upon professed Christians proves some to be dross. The fine gold does not always appear. **In every religious crisis** some fall under temptation. **The shaking of God blows away multitudes like dry leaves.** Prosperity multiplies a mass of professors. **Adversity purges them out of the church.** As a class, their spirits are not steadfast with God. They go out from us because they are not of us; **for when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, many are offended.**” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 89.

GROUP 3 – AMONG THORNS:

“The gospel seed often falls among thorns and noxious weeds; and if there is not a moral transformation in the human heart, if old habits and practices and the former life of sin are not left behind, if the attributes of Satan are not expelled from the soul, the wheat crop will be choked. The thorns will come to be the crop, and will kill out the wheat. {COL 50.3}

“Grace can thrive only in the heart that is being constantly prepared for the precious seeds of truth. The thorns of sin will grow in any soil; they need no cultivation; but grace must be carefully cultivated. The briars and thorns are always ready to spring up, and the work of purification must advance continually. If the heart is not kept under the control of God, if the Holy Spirit does not work unceasingly to refine and ennoble the character, the old habits will reveal themselves in the life. Men may profess to believe the gospel; but unless they are sanctified by the gospel their profession is of no avail. If they do not gain the victory over sin, then sin is gaining the victory over them. The thorns that have been cut off but not uprooted grow apace, until the soul is overspread with them. {COL 50.4}

Christ specified the things that are dangerous to the soul. As recorded by Mark He mentions the cares of this world, **the deceitfulness of riches**, and the lusts of other things. Luke specifies the cares, **riches**, and pleasures of this life. These are what choke the word, the growing spiritual seed. The soul ceases to draw nourishment from Christ, and spirituality dies out of the heart. {COL 51.1}

Judas

“At that time the disciples did not know that Judas was a thief, but they knew it afterwards. Although he had been with Christ during His ministry, his covetousness was not cured. He held it fast as a precious treasure, and it had become more and more confirmed. Christ's lessons on unselfishness were unheeded. **His love of money** led him to idolize the little treasure entrusted to his care to be employed for the benefit of the church and to relieve the necessities of the poor. {20MR 146.3}

“The love that Mary expressed for Christ made apparent the **selfishness** of Judas. By commending the action that Judas had so severely condemned, Christ rebuked Judas. This should have brought him to his senses. He should have been led to investigate his motives, and

to confess that his judgment of Mary's action had been wrong. But **his past experience had not been one of repentance and confession**. His narrow, **selfish** ideas had often been rebuked by Christ in a general way. In his teachings Christ had presented the danger of selfishness and avarice. But Judas had not benefited by the instruction given. He did not take Christ's words into his heart, engraving them on his character." {RH, August 7, 1900 par. 11}

Judas' open opposition at the anointing

"Yet Judas made no open opposition, nor seemed to question the Saviour's lessons. He made no outward murmur until the time of the feast in Simon's house. When Mary **anointed** the Saviour's feet, **Judas manifested his covetous disposition**. At the reproof from Jesus his very spirit seemed turned to gall. **Wounded pride and desire for revenge broke down the barriers**, and the greed so long indulged held him in control. This will be the experience of everyone who persists in tampering with sin. The elements of depravity that are not resisted and overcome respond to Satan's temptation, and the soul is led captive at his will. {CC 287.4}

Lucifer's jealousy on Christ's position in heaven

"Lucifer was envious and jealous of Jesus Christ. Yet when all the angels bowed to Jesus to acknowledge His supremacy and high authority and rightful rule, he bowed with them; but his heart was filled with envy and hatred. . . . {LHU 18.4}

"Lucifer in heaven desired to be first in power and authority; he wanted to be God, to have the rulership of heaven; and to this end he won many of the angels to his side.

"The King of the universe summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth the true position of His Son and show the relation He sustained to all created beings. The Son of God shared the Father's throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both. About the throne gathered the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng--"ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" (Revelation 5:11.), the most exalted angels, as ministers and subjects, rejoicing in the light that fell upon them from the presence of the Deity. Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven the King declared that **none but Christ, the Only Begotten of God**, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of His will. **The Son of God** had wrought the Father's will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due. Christ was still to exercise divine power, in the creation of the earth and its inhabitants. But in all this He would not seek power or exaltation for Himself contrary to God's plan, but would exalt the Father's glory and execute His purposes of beneficence and love. {PP 36.2}

"Satan unblushingly made known his dissatisfaction that Christ should be preferred before him. He stood up proudly and urged that he should be equal with God, and should be taken into conference with the Father and understand His purposes." {TA 43.1}

Psa 89:20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have **I anointed him:**

Psa 89:27 Also I will make him *my* firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

- Christ anointing means he is the Son of God, the King of Kings;
- This is what Lucifer was jealous about;
- It seems that group 3 is illustrated by the group that stumbles over the anointing and falls away;
- It describes the recent activities within our movement. People stumbling over the organization of the movement and the anointing of the brethren.

Choke the word

“All that draws the affections from Christ is a detriment to the soul, and must be put away that the soul temple may be cleansed from all defilement. Unless the soul is emptied of its idols, you cannot comprehend the truth of God. Some of the precious seed may find a place in the heart, but in order to have spiritual discernment to distinguish the thorns from the pure grain, the soul must receive the word with meekness. When those who have but a partial knowledge of the truth, are called upon to study some point that cuts across their preconceived opinions, they are confused. **Their preconceived opinions are as thorns that choke the word of God**, and when truth is sown, and it becomes necessary to root up the thorns to give it place, they feel that everything is going from them, and they are in trouble. There are many who have but an imperfect understanding of the character of God. They think of him as stern and arbitrary, and when the fact is presented that God is love, it is a difficult matter for these souls to lay aside their false conceptions of God. But if they do not let the word of truth in, rooting out the thorns, the briars will start up afresh, and choke out the good word of God; their religious experience will be dwarfed, for the evil of their hearts will overtop the tender plant of truth, and shut away the spiritual atmosphere. {RH, June 21, 1892 par. 3}

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GROUP 4 – IN GOOD SOIL:

“The sower is not always to meet with disappointment. Of the seed that fell into good ground the Saviour said, This “is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” “That on the good ground are they, which, in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.” {COL 58.1}

“The “honest and good heart” of which the parable speaks, is **not a heart without sin**; for the gospel is to be preached to the lost. Christ said, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Mark 2:17. He has an honest heart **who yields to the conviction of the Holy Spirit**. He confesses his guilt, and feels his need of the mercy and love of God. He has a sincere desire to know the truth, that he may obey it. The good heart is a believing heart, one that has **faith in the word of God**. Without faith it is impossible to receive the word. “He that

cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6. {COL 58.2}

“This “is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it.”

- “The wise shall understand” (Daniel 12:10). This group is represented by the wise virgins.

“And he brings forth fruit “with patience.” **None who receive God's word are exempt from difficulty and trial; but when affliction comes, the true Christian does not become restless, distrustful, or despondent.** Though we can not see the definite outcome of affairs, or discern the purpose of God's providences, we are not to cast away our confidence. Remembering the tender mercies of the Lord, we should cast our care upon Him, and with patience wait for His salvation. COL 60.4

“Through conflict the spiritual life is strengthened. Trials well borne will develop steadfastness of character and precious spiritual graces. The perfect fruit of faith, meekness, and love often matures best amid storm clouds and darkness. COL 61.1

“The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.” James 5:7. So the Christian is to wait with patience for the fruition in his life of the word of God. Often when we pray for the graces of the Spirit, God works to answer our prayers by placing us in circumstances to develop these fruits; but we do not understand His purpose, and wonder, and are dismayed. Yet none can develop these graces except through the process of growth and fruit bearing. Our part is **to receive God's word and to hold it fast**, yielding ourselves fully to its control, and **its purpose in us will be accomplished.** COL 61.2

“If a man love Me,” Christ said, “he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” John 14:23. The spell of a stronger, a perfect mind will be over us; for we have a living connection with the source of all-enduring strength. In our divine life we shall be brought into captivity to Jesus Christ. We shall no longer live the common life of selfishness, but Christ will live in us. **His character will be reproduced in our nature. Thus shall we bring forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit—“some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.”** COL 61.3

CONCLUSION:

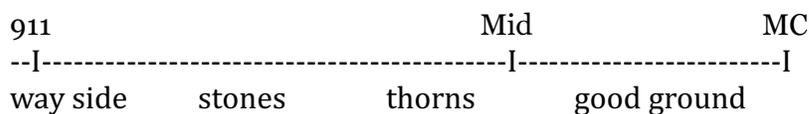
As we know that the parable of the wheat and the tares is being fulfilled between 9/11 and midnight, we are able to see that the parable of the sower shows three groups of tares and one group of wheat. All of these groups are present at 9/11, as the seeds are sown at 9/11. Nevertheless three tares are being demonstrated as they are confronted with the temptations of the world.

The church triumphant

[Eph 5:27](#) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any

such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

“Has God no living church? He has a church, but it is **the church militant**, not **the church triumphant**. We are sorry that there are defective members, that there are tares amid the wheat. Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.... So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together **first** the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but **gather the wheat into my barn.**” { TM 45.1}



1. **Way side:** Laodicean church member who immediately rejects the message at 911
2. **Stony ground:** Glad reception of the message, but not able to bare the bitter consequences. Prophetically portrayed at Joel controversy within the movement (2014)
3. **Among thorns:** They that have an understanding of the message, but aren't able to overcome the temptations of the world. Prophetically portrayed by those that leave the movement because of the anointings (2016/17)
4. **Good ground:** Those that hold fast on the fundamental truths of the message and patiently wait for the accomplishment of it's purpose.

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I would like to address that I believe that the prophetic truth that is being portrayed by this parable, by showing the different separations that have been taking place during the years, doesn't deny that morally speaking all four groups of people may still be in our midst. I believe this parable shows us that we recently were confronted with the last big worldwide shaking within our movement before Midnight. I also believe it does NOT show that there are no tares among us anymore.

Hope to receive feedback, comments and corrections from you.

God bless,