



Daily Reflection

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Scripture

Luke 8: 4-15

When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another journeying to Jesus, he spoke in a parable.

"A sower went out to sow his seed.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up.

Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it.

And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold."

After saying this, he called out,

"Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."

Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be.

He answered,

"Knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you;

but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.

"This is the meaning of the parable.

The seed is the word of God.

Those on the path are the ones who have heard,
but the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts
that they may not believe and be saved.

Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear,
receive the word with joy, but they have no root;
they believe only for a time and fall away in time of temptation.

As for the seed that fell among thorns,
they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along,
they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life,
and they fail to produce mature fruit.

But as for the seed that fell on rich soil,
they are the ones who, when they have heard the word,
embrace it with a generous and good heart,
and bear fruit through perseverance."

Our Scripture Reflection

In telling His very important parable of the "Sower and the seeds", Jesus is posing a most important question to those who would be His disciples: What kind of reception do you give the Word of God? (seed). Do you receive the Word openly, even joyfully or are you resistant to it? Jesus assures those who are open and receptive of the Word that they will yield an incredible harvest. Why? Because God's Grace assures it.

Food for your Journey

If a seed is not allowed to germinate (sprout) within some certain length of time, the embryo inside will die. Each species of seed has a certain length of viability. Some maple species have seeds that need to sprout within two weeks of being dispersed, or they die. Some seeds of lotus plants are known to be up to 2000 years old and still can be germinated.

A Prayer From The Heart

Dear Jesus, I love Your Holy Word because Your Word is Truth and Life. As Peter said in John 6: 68 "To whom else shall I go? Only You have the Words of everlasting life." Nourish me with Your Word and help me, Lord, to produce an abundant harvest for Your glory. Amen