



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore.

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

“A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots.

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

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

Our Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel text underscores the wonderful Truth that God is most generous with His Word and Grace. However, some are not receptive to God's generosity. Is His Word always easy to digest? Of course not! However, the problem is not because of a defect in God's Word. Rather, the problem lies in our lack of humility, and therefore, trust. Embrace God's Word and your life will truly be blessed, more than you can imagine.

Food for your Journey

A farmer, ragged and barefooted, was standing on the steps of his raggedy shack. A stranger stopped for a drink of water and he asked: "How is your cotton coming along?"

Farmer: "Ain't got any."

Stranger: "Did you plant any?"

Farmer: "Nope, afraid of boll weevils."

Stranger: "Well, how is your corn?"

Farmer: "Didn't plant any, afraid there would be no rain."

Stranger: "Well, how are your potatoes?"

Farmer: "Ain't got any, scared of the potato bugs."

Stranger: "Really, what did you plant?"

Farmer: "Nothing, I just played it safe."

So you got to ask: "How safe is it to not have any crops at all?"

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Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You know me and love me inside out. Please remove my unbelief and lack of trust. Help me this day to surrender my will to You. Amen.