

Help Us Understand

Matthew 13:1-23

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Springtime is a good _____ for this parable. Fields are being prepared to receive the _____ and the farmer is working with anticipation and hope for a _____ crop yield. The crowd listening to the story understood well the _____ of sowing and reaping. We will first look at the picture Jesus used, and then consider His explanation of the story.

A. The General _____ of The Story

1. The _____
 - a. No _____ is given at this place.
 - b. Faithfully and _____ doing his job.
2. The _____
 - a. It has _____ within it.
 - b. The _____ is the same.
 - c. It depicts the _____ of God (v. 19)
3. The soil – four _____
 - a. The wayside – path _____ through the field
 - b. The stony places – rock ledge beneath a _____ and shallow layer of soil
 - c. Thorny ground – _____ growth that had not been plowed
 - d. Good ground – well-plowed and prepared soil _____ of producing a large crop.

B. The _____ of the Story

1. The sower
 - a. Son of _____ (v. 37)
 - b. The one who _____ the Word.

2. The soil – It represents man's _____ -response to the message.
 - a. The wayside – one who does _____ understand (does not comprehend by _____ -faith)
 - b. The stony places – shallow-hearted individuals who have an _____ enthusiasm or excitement, but are not truly _____ again. They stay for awhile, but have no root and wither away when _____ or persecution comes because of the _____.
 - c. The thorny ground – the carnal, _____ convert, who never really breaks from his past. Worldliness and materialism _____ any potential fruitfulness.
 - d. The good ground – the person who hears the Word and understands (_____) it.
 - (1). The _____ of true conversion is that he bears fruit, although in _____ amounts.
 - (2). No fruit means _____ spiritual life.
 - (3). Jesus gave no one the _____ of being His follower and producing no fruit at all.