

Jesus' Parable of The Sower

Lesson 3

The Sower, The Seed And The Shallow Soil On The Rocky Places

An Introduction To Jesus' Parables

- A parable is an earthly story designed to teach a spiritual lesson through a comparison
- Jesus taught parables to separate hardened hearts from humble and honest hearts

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Introduction

- In His parable of the sower, Jesus reveals the power of the Word of God to change human hearts
- But, the Word of God can be prevented from changing our hearts if we choose to sinfully react toward it
- We study this parable so we may overcome rebellion to His Word by humbly receiving and obeying it so we may be saved

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Jesus speaks the parable of the sower
The sower and the seed explained
The soil on the rocky places explained

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Jesus Speaks The Parable Of The Sower

Luk 8:5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.

Mat 13:5 "Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

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Mat 13:6 "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

Mar 4:7 "Other *seed* fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

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Jesus Speaks The Parable Of The Sower

Mar 4:8 "Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

Mar 4:9 And He was saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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The Sower And The Seed Explained

The sower is not specifically identified in this parable

Luk 8:11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.

Mat 13:19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it,...

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The Soil On The Rocky Places Explained

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The Soil On The Rocky Places Explained

- Some soil was shallow in depth with a ledge of rock just underneath the surface
- Any seed falling on this soil would spring up quickly but would not be able to gain depth for its roots to provide moisture
- When the plant was exposed to the blazing sun, it died because it could not obtain moisture to grow

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The Soil On The Rocky Places Explained

Mat 13:20 "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

Mat 13:21 yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

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The Soil On The Rocky Places Explained

- This soil represents the shallow heart that hears the Word, accepts it with joy, but when trials and persecution come because of the Word, they fall away
- Jesus warned Christians against losing their faith in the tribulations before Jerusalem's destruction

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Many Lose Their Faith Because of Persecutions and Trials

Mat 24:9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

Mat 24:10 "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.

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Mat 24:11 "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.

Mat 24:12 "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

Mat 24:13 "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

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The Soil On The Rocky Places Explained

- Cause of persecution is hatred for the Lord and His Word
- Jesus warned His disciples of the world's negative reaction to Him and those who follow Him

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Cause of Persecution – Hatred For Lord and His Word

Joh 3:19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

Joh 3:20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

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Cause of Persecution – Hatred For Lord and His Word

Joh 3:21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

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Cause of Persecution – Hatred For Lord and His Word

Joh 15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you.

Joh 15:19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

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Jesus Warns Disciples of Coming Persecution

Joh 15:20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

Joh 15:21 "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

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The Soil On The Rocky Places Explained

- Persecution often comes from our own families as well as other sources
- We can choose not to give into persecution but rejoice in the Lord and grow stronger in faith by continued obedience to Him
- If we fall away because of persecution, we can choose to turn back to the Lord

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Families Often Source of Christians' Persecutions

Mat 10:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Mat 10:35 "For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;

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Families Often Source of Christians' Persecutions

Mat 10:36 and A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

Mat 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

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Keep Rejoicing and Obeying The Lord When Persecuted

Luk 6:22 "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.

Luk 6:23 "Be glad in that day and leap *for joy*, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.

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Keep Rejoicing and Obeying The Lord When Persecuted

Act 5:18 They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail.

Act 5:19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said,

Act 5:20 "Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life."

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Keep Rejoicing and Obeying The Lord When Persecuted

Act 5:21 Upon hearing *this*, they entered into the temple about daybreak and *began* to teach. Now when the high priest and his associates came, they called the Council together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent *orders* to the prison house for them to be brought.

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Keep Rejoicing and Obeying The Lord When Persecuted

Act 5:27 When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them,

Act 5:28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

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Keep Rejoicing and Obeying The Lord When Persecuted

Act 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

Act 5:40 They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and *then* released them.

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Keep Rejoicing and Obeying The Lord When Persecuted

Act 5:41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for *His* name.

Act 5:42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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Repent of Yielding To Trials and Persecutions

Luk 22:31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat;

Luk 22:32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

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Repent of Yielding To Trials and Persecutions

Luk 22:33 But he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!"

Luk 22:34 And He said, "I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me."

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