

The Parable of the Sower March 1, 2026

Matthew 13:9, “He who has ears, let him hear.”

Hear: to hear, to listen, to understand

Romans 10:17, “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”

Mark 4:13, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?”

Matthew 13:10-15, “The disciples came and said to Jesus, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”¹¹ Jesus answered them, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.¹² For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.¹⁴ In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ‘You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;¹⁵ for the heart of this people has become dull.”

Matthew 13:18-23, “Hear then the parable of the sower.¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.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;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.²² And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.²³ And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”

Hebrews 2:3, “How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was first spoken through the Lord it was confirmed to us by those who heard.”

1 Corinthians 3:6-9, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.⁷ So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.⁹ For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

Three Practical Applications to Sowing Seed:

1. We Must Sow Widely **Mark 16:15**, “Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

2. We Must Sow Patiently Galatians 6:9, “*Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.*”

3. We Must Sow Purely 2 Corinthians 4:2, “*We are not adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.*”

Luke 8:11, “*The seed is the word of God.*”

Hebrews 4:12, “*For the word of God is living and active.*”

1 Peter 1:23, “*You have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.*”

Galatians 1:6-8, “*I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting our God and Father who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; ⁷ which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!*”

Colossians 2:6-7, “*As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith.*”

Luke 10:40-42, “*Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Jesus and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; ⁴² but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”*”

Matthew 6:33, “*Seek first God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and everything else will be added to you.*”

Luke 8:15, “*The seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.*”

James 1:22, “*Prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*”

Matthew 7:24-27, “*Everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.*”

James 1:21, “*Humbly receive the word implanted in you, which is able to save your soul.*”