

Sermon Notes

What's the Condition of Your Soil?

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Sermon Series: Soil & Seed - Keys to The Kingdom

Main Texts: Genesis 1:11–12; Mark 4:1–20

Characteristics of the Seed (Genesis 1:11–12)

1. **The seed is in itself**
 - Everything I need is **already in the seed**.
 2. **Seed produces according to its own kind**
 - *Kind* — Hebrew *mîn*: category, class, species, type; things distinguished by some common characteristic or quality.
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The Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1–13)

- Jesus teaches by the sea using a parable of seed and soils.
 - **Parable** (*parabolē*): a short moral story with a symbolic or figurative meaning; similitude; fictitious narrative.
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Key Terms (Mark 4:10–11)

- **Has been given** (*didōmi*): to give something into one's possession.
- **Know** (*ginōskō*): to come to an understanding as the result of experience and learning; progression of knowledge.
- **Mystery** (*mustērion*): secret or hidden truths; things not known before but revealed to a certain group.

Understanding the Parable (Mark 4:13)

- **Understand** (*oida*): to comprehend the meaning of something; fullness of knowledge.
 - Written in the *perfect tense*: an action in the past that produces a state of being in the present. Emphasis is on the present result.
- **Understand** (*ginōskō*): to come to understanding through learning and experience; progression of knowledge.
 - Written in the *future tense*: describes action or state that will occur later.

Three Things We Need to Understand

1. Everything we need is already in the seed.
2. Every seed produces after its own kind.
3. The condition of our soil (heart) impacts what the seed produces.

Sowing the Seed (Mark 4:3)

- **Sow** (*speirō*): to scatter seed on or in the ground for future growth.

Supporting Scriptures:

- *Ecclesiastes 11:4, 6* — Sow in the morning and evening; don't wait for perfect conditions.
- *2 Corinthians 9:10* — God supplies seed to the sower and multiplies it.

The Word as Seed (Mark 4:14)

- “The sower sows the **Word**.”
- **Word** (*logos*): what is preached or said about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Supporting Scriptures:

- *Galatians 3:16* — The promises were made to Abraham's Seed, who is Christ.
 - *John 1:1–2* — In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
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The Wayside Soil (Mark 4:4, 15)

- *“As he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside, and the birds came and devoured it.”*
- **Wayside** (*hodos*): road, street, highway, path, or route; a heavily traveled place.
- *“Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.”*