

Matthew 13:10-17

10) And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?
11) He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
12) For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.
13) Therefore speak I to them in parables; because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
14) And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

Matthew 13:10-17

15) For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16) But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

17) For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

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Mark 4:14-15

14) The sower soweth the word.

15) And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

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Mark 4:1-9

- 1) And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.
- 2) And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,
- 3) Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:
- 4) And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.
- 5) And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

Mark 4:1-9

- 6) But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.
- 7) And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.
- 8) And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.
- 9) And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

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Mark 4:4,15

4) And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

15) And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

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Mark 4:5-6, 16-17

5) And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

6) But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

16) And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17) And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

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Mark 4:7, 18-19

7) And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

18) And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

19) And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

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Mark 4:8, 20

8) And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

20) And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it*, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

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Mark 4:26-29

26) And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27) And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28) For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29) But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

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1 Peter 1:23-25

23) Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24) For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25) But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

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2 Peter 3:18

18) But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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Matthew 13:31-32

31) Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32) Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Matthew 17:20

20) And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Matthew 16:18

- 16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- 17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
- 18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- 19) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

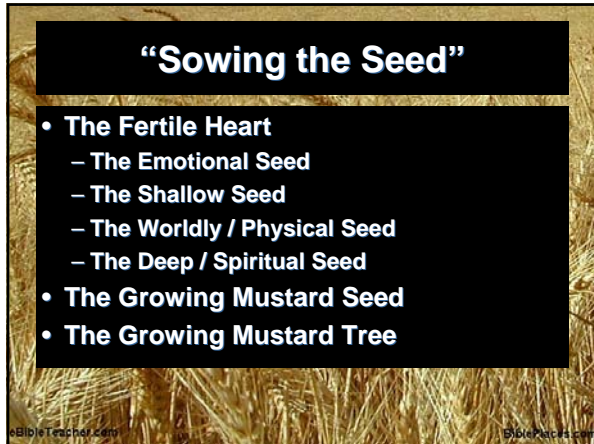
Apollos

- This is the name of a Jew "born at Alexandria," a man well versed in the Scriptures and eloquent (Acts 18:24). He came to Ephesus (about A.D. 49), where he spoke "boldly" in the synagogue (18:26), although he did not know as yet that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah. Aquila and Priscilla instructed in "the way of God", i.e., in the knowledge of Christ. He then proceeded to Corinth, where he met Paul (Acts 18:27; 19:1). He was very useful there in watering the good seed Paul had sown (1 Cor. 1:12), and bringing many to Christ. His disciples were very attached to him (1 Cor. 3:4-7, 22). He was with Paul at Ephesus when he wrote the First Epistle to the Corinthians; and Paul makes kind reference to him in his letter to Titus (3:13).

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1 Corinthians 3:6-9

- 6) I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.
- 7) So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.
- 8) Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.
- 9) For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.



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