

The Parable of the Sower

Introduction: The passage begins with "That same day, Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea".

I) There are 3 important points to be noted.

- A) That same day.
- B) Went out of the house.
- C) Sat beside the sea.

II) "Great crowds gathered..." -*Matthew 13:2*.

- A) Why did such crowds gather around Him?
 - 1) Implies there were different types of people gathered around Jesus.
 - 2) There were different ideologies, opinions from different walks of life.

III) "He sat in the boat ... the crowd stood on the beach." - *Matthew 13:2*.

- A) Sea signifies the vast Kingdom of God.
- B) They stood on the beach.

IV) Let us reflect on the parable.

- A) My experience.
- B) We dug by hand.

V) Having experienced the process, I try to reflect the parable of the Sower.

- A) The Sower is God.
- B) Soils.
 - 1) Path way -*Matthew 13 :4*.
 - 2) Rocky ground.
 - 3) Thorny bush. -*Matt 13:7; Mark 6:3,5-6*.
 - 4) Good soil -*Matthew 13:8*.

VI) The Sower is God -*Isaiah 55:10-11*.

VII The Seed: the Word of God -*Genesis 1:31*. "Let anyone with ears listen." *Matthew 13:9; John 1:1-4*.

Conclusion: Are we ready to do the will of God, so that we can yield a hundredfold wherever we are, with our own brokenness? Let us pray that we may be fruitful in our life listening to the Word, understanding it, doing His will with His grace and blessing. May the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all of us, Amen.