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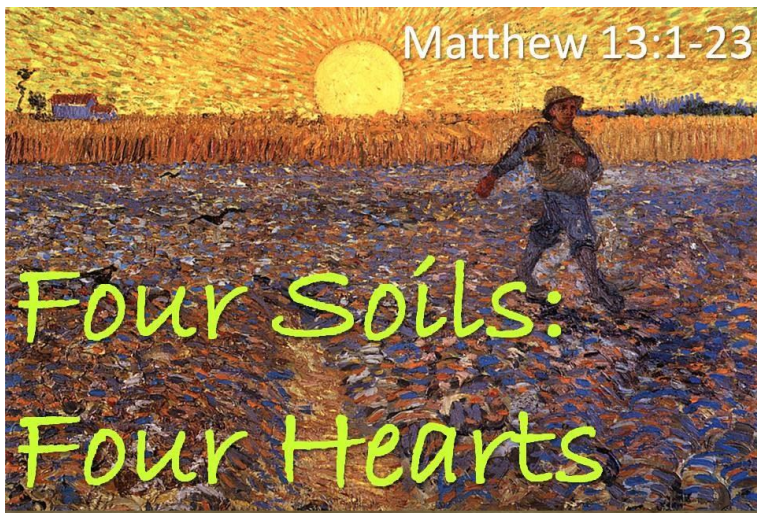


READING - Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”



PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
As we reflect on the Parable of the Sower,
we ask that you prepare our hearts.
When we hear your word, help us to be receptive.
Soften the hardened areas of our lives
so the enemy cannot snatch the truth away.
Give us deep roots
so our faith does not wither when trouble comes.
Please help us to clear out the thorns
the daily worries and distractions
that choke your word and make it unfruitful.
Lord, cultivate our hearts to be good soil,
so your teachings may take root
and produce a rich, abundant harvest in our lives.

AMEN



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A sower went to sow his seed,
He scattered it all around,
Some seed fell on the hardened path,
The birds ate it from the ground.
That's like the word of God we hear,
But it bounces off our heads,
For our hearts are filled with worldly things,
And we chase those dreams instead.

*The seed is the word of God,
Sown in waiting hearts,
Let it fall on fertile ground,
Let new life start.
Hear it, keep it, let it grow
Let the Spirit flow,
And a harvest we will know*

Some seed fell on rocky ground
Where there wasn't much good soil,
The sun came up and scorched the plants,
And their leaves began to spoil.
We're like that when we hear the word,
And we're briefly filled with it,
But when the storms of trouble come,
We quickly want to quit.

The seed is the word of God.....

Some seed fell among the thorns,
And the thorns grew all around,
They choked the life right out of it
Till no fruit could be found.
Many hearts are just like that,
Too in love with worldly things,
Chasing pleasure, wealth, and praise
That the empty world still brings.

The seed is the word of God.....

But some seed fell on soil so rich
And fertile to the core,
It grew and yielded fruit galore,
A harvest worth living for
If our hearts are like that soil,
Open, faithful, and true,
God will cause our lives to bear
Fruit a hundredfold.

The seed is the word of God...