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Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

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- The Sower is Jesus Christ vs. 37

- The Seed is the Word of the Kingdom – the Gospel vs. 19

- The Soil is the Heart vs. 19

The Path vs. 4 & 19

- Internal Characteristic
  - Hard Heart
- External Threat
  - Birds/Satan
- Result
  - Seed is Devoured/ Word Snatched Away

Rocky Soil vs. 5-6 & 20-21

- Internal Characteristic
  - Shallow Heart/No Root
- External Threat
  - Sun/Suffering
- Result
  - Withers/Falls Away

Rocky Soil vs. 5-6 & 20-21

- As a sower, your main responsibility is not to find a solution to their suffering, but to continually point them to the grace and sufficiency of Christ in the midst of their suffering.

Thorny Soil vs. 7 & 22

- Internal Characteristic
  - Divided Heart
- External Threat
  - Thorns/Cares of the World & Deceitfulness of Riches
- Result
  - Choked Seed/Unfruitful

Good Soil vs. 8 & 23

- Good Heart
- Receives Jesus' word **immediately**
- Receives it **deeply**
- Receives it **exclusively**
- Result
  - Abundant Fruit

The Context of Isaiah Matters

- Is. 5 – Righteous Judgment

- Is. 6 - God is Holy and the people are deaf, blind, and dull of heart

- Is. 7 - Hope of a Redeemer Immanuel, God with us

Union with Christ

We are in Him and He is in us

John 15:3-5 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 **Abide in me, and I in you**. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. **Whoever abides in me and I in him**, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Union with Christ Brings Fruit

- Hard heart made new
  - Fruit of repentance and faith
- Shallow heart made deep.
  - Fruit of endurance, character, and hope
- Divided heart made singly devoted to Christ.
  - Fruit of the Spirit