

PARABLE OF THE SOWER – Part 2

6/7/23

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Last week – we began a series about the Parable of the Sower
 - Title tonight – Parable of the Sower – Part 2
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- Matthew 13:3-9 – the presentation of the parable
 - Matthew 13:10-17 – the reason that the Son of God spoke in parables
 - Matthew 13:18-23 – an explanation of the parable
1. Person does not understand – wicked one snatches away
 2. Tribulation or persecution arises – person stumbles
 3. Cares of this world & deceitfulness of riches – choke the word
 4. Good ground – person bears fruit and produces

2. Tribulation or Persecution arises – person stumbles

Matt. 13:5-6	some seeds fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth – and they immediately sprang up (although they had not depth of earth) – but when the sun was up, they were scorched – and because they had no root, they withered away
20-21	he who received seed on stony places, hears the word – although he immediately receives it with joy, he has no root in himself – so when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, he immediately stumbles

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- Tribulation
Greek – “thlipsis” (#2347) – noun
“trouble, distress, oppression, tribulation”
tribulation or tribulations – 21 times
affliction – 11 times
trouble – 3 times

Matt. 24:21	then there shall be great tribulation (#2347), such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time – no, nor ever shall be
John 16:33	I have spoken these things to you, that you may have peace in Me – in the world, you will have tribulation (#2347) – be of good cheer, I have overcome the world
Acts 14:21-22	Paul returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch – strengthening the disciples

2 Cor. 1:4 – exhorting them to continue in the faith – saying “we must through many tribulations [#2347] enter the kingdom of God who comforts us in all our tribulation (#2347), that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble (#2347)

- Persecution
 - Greek – “diogmos” (#1375) – noun
 - “persecution”
 - persecution or persecutions – 10 times
 - Greek – “dioktes” – (#1376) – noun
 - “persecutor”
 - persecutor – 1 time
 - Greek – “dioko” (#1377) – verb
 - “to pursue, persecute, systematically oppress and harass”
 - a form of persecution – 31 times
 - other – 13 times

Acts 8:1 a great persecution (#1375) – arose against the church at Jerusalem
 Acts 13:50 the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women – and the chief men of the city raised up persecution (#1375) against Paul and Barnabas – and expelled them from their region
 2 Cor. 12:10 I take pleasure in infirmities, reproaches, needs and persecutions (#1375) for Christ’s sake
 1 Tim. 1:13 Paul was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor (#1376)
 Matt. 5:10 blessed are those who are persecuted (#1377) for righteousness sake
 11 blessed are you when they revile and persecute (#1377) you – and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for My sake
 12 they persecuted (#1377) the prophets
 2 Tim. 3:12 all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution (#1377)

- Mentioning both – tribulation and persecution

Rom. 8:35 shall tribulation or persecution separate you from the love of Christ?
 2 Thes. 1:4 your patience & faith – in persecutions & tribulations that you endure

- Did you notice some roots in those last 2 verses?
 Love of Christ – Patience & Faith

- Final scripture

1 Pet. 4:12 not strange – when the fiery trial comes upon you
 13 rejoice – partaker of Christ’s sufferings
 14 reproached for the name of Christ
 15-16 suffer as a Christian