

Series: Parabolic Mirrors
Message: The Story of Legitimacy
Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
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Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ *"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.*

¹⁴ *"For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

Matthew 13:3-9

³ *And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow;*

⁴ *and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.*

⁵ *"Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.*

⁶ *"But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.*

⁷ *"Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.*

⁸ *"And others fell on the good soil and yielded* a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.*

⁹ *"He who has ears, let him hear."*

The First Seed

1. Those Who Have No Understanding Of Spiritual Things, Having Been Blinded By The Prince Of This World. vs. 18-19

Matthew 13:18-19

¹⁸ *"Hear then the parable of the sower.*

¹⁹ *"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.*

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

³ *And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,*

⁴ *in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

The Second Seed

2. Those Who Have Understood Spiritual Things, But Who Have Been Derailed By The Pressures Of This World. vs. 20-21

Matthew 13:20-21

²⁰ *"The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;*

²¹ *yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.*

The Third Seed

3. Those Who Have Understood Spiritual Things, But Who Have Been Enticed By The Pleasures Of This World. vs. 22

Matthew 13:22

²² *"And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ *Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

¹⁶ *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.*

¹⁷ *The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.*

The Fourth Seed

4. Those Who Have Understood And Embraced Spiritual Things, Evidenced By The Bearing Of Fruit. vs. 23

Matthew 13:23

²³ *"And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."*

Galatians 5:22-23

²² *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

²³ *gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

2 Corinthians 13:5

⁵ *Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?*