

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

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**Title: SOWER, SEEDS, & SOIL**

**Main Text:** Mat 13:1-8, 18-23

**Sermon Description:** The parable of the sower is the first of the kingdom comparisons in the 3<sup>rd</sup> discourse of Matthew. The first 3 parables, of the 7 in this section, are all agricultural in their imagery and communicate in escalating fashion, the realm of the kingdom of God from its individual aspects as touching the human heart to the corporate aspects, to its historical reality. Note additionally: the genius of the Word of God in its choice of analogies... agriculture, wealth, and industry. These are necessarily timeless social norms for mankind and even communicate beyond the immediate subjects of the parables to Biblical economics.

**HEADING: THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER PROCLAIMED AND EXPLAINED...**

**1. THE PROACTIVE ASPECTS – SOWER AND SEED** Mat 13:1-3, 18-19

- a. Sower as Christ (Heb 1:1-4)
- b. Sower as scribes (Mat 13:52)
- c. Seed as Word of the kingdom

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**2. THE REACTIVE ASPECTS – WAYSIDE SOIL & THE EVIL ONE** Mat 13:3-4, 19

- a. Proclaimed and explained
- b. Matthew examples (13:53,58 27:20)
- c. Modern applications

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**3. - ROCKY SOIL, PERSECUTION, TRIBULATION** Mat 13:5-6, 20-21

- a. Proclaimed and explained
- b. Matthew examples (27:15-23, Jn 6:66)
- c. Modern applications

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**4. - THORNY SOIL, CARES, RICHES** Mat 13:7, 22

- a. Proclaimed and explained
- b. Matthew examples (19:16, 27:3-10)
- c. Modern applications

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**5. GOOD SOIL & FRUIT** Mat 13: 8, 23

- a. Proclaimed and explained
- b. Matthew examples (28:16-20, Acts)
- c. Modern applications

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**Conclusion:** Let us absolve ourselves of all notions that this parable is a quaint illustration with Sunday school friendly overtones! This message is TERRIFYING!... everyone of us will illustrate Jesus' story in some way.

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme: Parable of sower	Theme: Sower/ seed	Theme: Wayside soil	Theme: Rocky soil	Theme: Thorny soil	Theme: Good soil
Verses: Mt 13:1-8	Verses: Mt 13:1-3,18-19, 52	Verses: Mt 13:3-4,19,53-58	Verses: Mt 13:5-6,20-21,27:15-23	Verses: Mt 13:7,22,27:3-10	Verses: Mt 13:4:8,23,28:16-20