



# Are You Sowing The Seed of the King, Dumb Brother?

The Story of the Sower

**Text – Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23, Mark 4:3-8, 14-20; Luke 8:5-8, 11-15**

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**Introduction:** While His parables are numerous, the “Parable of the Sower” is believed to be the first of His parables and one of the most beloved. What is the definition of a parable? There have been many different definitions given for a parable. Some are quite extended and even “sophisticated,” but a parable is “an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.” It comes from a Greek word (*paraballo*) that means to “cast to the side, like, compare.” Let’s study together . . .

**Discussion:**

## I. RECAP OF THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

- A. Some of the seed fell by the wayside, and birds devoured them (v.4).
- B. Some fell on the stony places, or among the rocks (vs.5-6).
- C. Some fell among thorns and were choked out (v.7).
- D. Some fell among good soil and brought forth fruit abundantly (v.8).

## II. RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

- A. Faith (**James 1:21**)
- B. Hearing (**Romans 10:17**)
- C. Proclaiming (**Matthew 5:16**).

## III. RECOGNIZE THE POWER OF PROPER SOWING & REAPING

- A. The Seed is the Word of God (**Matthew 13:19, Luke 8:11**)
- B. The Seed must be planted in love (**Ephesians 4:15**)
- C. The Seed must be planted with caution (**Galatians 4:16**)

## IV. REMEMBER SEVEN BASIC TRUTHS

- A. Be careful with the precious seed.
- B. Be careful where you sow the seed.
- C. Be careful with whom you sow the seed.
- D. Be careful with new converts.
- D. Be careful with people’s feelings.
- F. Be careful with candidates for baptism.
- G. Be careful with the doctrines of men (Quote by Hugo McCord).

**Conclusion:** The Word of God is precious, powerful, and saves. **John 4:35** says, “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!” The question we have to ask is “Are you sowing the seed of the King?”

WORD OF THE DAY = “Seed”