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Matthew 13:1-23



The Parable of the Soils

- I. The Story (3-9)
 - A. Hard Soil (4)
 - B. Shallow Soil (5-6)
 - C. Thorny Soil (7)
 - D. Good Soil (8)

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II. The Interpretation (18-23)

- A. The Seed
- B. The Sower
- C. The Soils
 - 1. A Hard Heart (19)
 - 2. A Superficial Heart (20-21)
 - 3. A Distracted Heart (22)
 - 4. A Prepared Heart (23)

General Observations...

- 1) There are the only four possible responses to the gospel.
- 2) Three of the responses are favorable to the gospel.
- 3) Two responses look like genuine salvation initially but over time prove not to be.
- 4) Only a heart God has prepared will bear fruit with perseverance.
- 5) This parable serves as...
 - a) A grid that helps us understand the different responses when we share the gospel.
 - b) A mirror that helps us examine the reality of our own faith.
 - c) An invitation that offers the gospel.