



"A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW"; PART 5

MARK 4:1-23

—The Good Soil—

Five crucial present tense verbs;

Hear;

ROMANS 10:17

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Understand;

MATTHEW 13:23

²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word *and understands it*. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

Accept;

1 TIMOTHY 5:19

¹⁹ Do not *admit* a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

HEBREWS 12:6

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he *receives*.

Hold Fast;

HEBREWS 3:14

¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we *hold* our original confidence *firm* to the end.

HEBREWS 10:23

²³ Let us *hold fast* the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

HEBREWS 3:6

⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we *hold fast* our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:2

² ...you are being saved, if you *hold fast* to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:6

⁶ And you know what is *restraining* him now so that he may be revealed in his time.

Bear Fruit;

Scripture offers no spiritual assurance apart from continued faith resulting in continued obedience.

—The Harvest—

PSALM 126:6

⁶ He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, *I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.*

—The Purpose of the Parables—

Spiritual understanding as a gift;

1 CORINTHIANS 2:7, 10, 12

⁷ ...we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory...¹⁰ *these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit...*¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, *that we might understand the things freely given us by God.*

The clear distinction between the “outside” and the “inside”;

1 CORINTHIANS 5:12

¹² For what have I to do with *judging outsiders*? Is it not *those inside the church* whom you are to judge?

COLOSSIANS 4:5

⁵ Walk in wisdom *toward outsiders*, making the best use of the time.

The purpose of the parables is not to conceal, but to reveal;

MATTHEW 21:45

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, *they perceived that he was speaking about them.*

The function of the parables to judge: Increased comprehension results in increased guilt;

JOHN 9:40-41

⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

JOHN 15:22

²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

JOHN 15:24

²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.

Light that is resisted will blind.

The eternal principle of the movement of the soul;

HEBREWS 3:7-8, 15

⁸ *Today if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness...*¹⁵ As it is said, “*Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.*”