

Luke 8:5-15 *(New King James Version)*

5 “A **sower** went out to **sow his seed**. And as he sowed, **some fell by the wayside**; and it was **trampled down, and the birds** of the air **devoured** it.

6 **Some fell on rock**; and as soon as it **sprang up, it withered away** because it lacked moisture.

7 And **some fell among thorns**, and the **thorns sprang up with it and choked it**.

8 But others **fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.**” When He had said these things He cried, **“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”**

The Purpose of Parables

9 Then His disciples asked Him, saying, **“What does this parable mean?”**

10 And He said, **“To you** it has been given to know the **mysteries of the kingdom of God**, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that **‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’**

The Parable of the Sower Explained

11 “Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**

12 **Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts**, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 But the **ones on the rock** are those who, when **they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.**

14 Now the **ones that fell among thorns** are those who, when they have **heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.**

15 But the **ones that fell on the good ground** are those who, **having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.**