**Bible Study** 



Wednesday, June 20, 2012

## The Ground

## **MATTHEW 13:3-9**

And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

1. The ground is the <u>heart</u> of man.

## 2. There are four types of ground:

- a. Wayside ground: totally rejects God's Word
- b. Stony ground: receives God's Word with reservation
- c. Thorny ground: receives God's Word, along with <u>everything</u> else
- d. Good ground: stays cultivated <u>exclusively</u> for God's Word
- 3. The stony ground, the thorny ground, and the good ground represent people who were <u>born</u> <u>again</u>, because the seed produced <u>life</u>.
- 4. If we are going to continue to <u>grow</u> after we get saved, our hearts must continue to be good ground for the seed.
- 5. At different <u>times</u> each of our hearts is represented by these four types of ground.
- 6. In various <u>areas</u> of our lives, our hearts can be any one of these four types of ground.
- 7. I must <u>focus</u> on keeping my heart good ground.