

Good Ground

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

The ground that cannot be used for cultivation is referred to as bad ground. Before a land is used for cultivation, it will be prepared for it. It will be watered, plowed and manured.

A sower went out to sow and as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside. The birds came and ate the seeds. When you hear the gospel and are not willing to accept it, the devil comes and devours the word. Some seeds fell on stony places, where there was no much mud. They immediately sprang up, but since there was no much mud for the roots to take hold, the sun's heat scorched it and they withered away. Many a times, we hear the gospel and accept it. But the pleasures of sin cause people to backslide. A few seeds fell among the thorns and the thorns choked the plants. You hear the gospel, accept it with joy and grow in the word for some time, but the cares of this world and deceitfulness of riches choke the word and becomes unfruitful. A few seeds fell among the good ground, it grew and gave much fruit.

The seeds fell on different places. We hear the scriptures. We attend so many gospel meetings. But all those who attend meetings and hear the word do not grow in the Lord Jesus Christ. Not all give fruits in the Lord. Our hearts should first be prepared so as to give forth good fruits. At first the ground is plowed and then it is watered and at last they treat it with the required manure. You too should prepare your heart to hear the word. You should surrender yourself to God. When the sins and lusts of this world try to choke you, you should fill yourself with the word of God, pray and be delivered from it. When we sin ignorantly and are then convicted of it, we have to immediately repent of it seeking God's forgiveness. We should never repeat the mistakes we've done. We have to guard ourselves from repetitive sins. Never desire to walk in the ways of evil friends. Abhor that which has to be abhorred. Give your time to meditate the scriptures, prayer and fellowship with God. In doing so, you will give forth much fruit.

What kind of ground is your heart?

Questions:

1. What does the ground and seed refer to?
2. What do you mean by good ground?
3. When can you give good fruit?