

## Is the Parable of the Sower About Evangelism?

The parable of the Sower has for years been taught as an allegory about evangelism. But, have you ever read it to check that out?

Here's part of it:

**Matthew 13:18-19** (NKJV) – *“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.*

**Mark 4:13-15** (NKJV) – *And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.*

**Luke 8:11-12** (NKJV) – *“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 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.*

There is no mention here of the seed being the invitation to come into the Kingdom of God.

Each of the 3 accounts simply refer it to the ‘word’. What is this ‘word’? This is the message that is presented to people, anointed by the Spirit of God. It can be from an evangelist, a teacher, or more commonly, from any born-again believer.

When the Spirit speaks to you the word – the rhema of God – you can respond to it in the various ways that the parable describes. Only one, however, enters the heart and produces fruit. All the other situations waste the word and it becomes ineffective to you.

**Please take note:** Every time someone speaks to you, or you hear preaching or teaching, or you receive a prophecy, you must respond to the rhema component of it the right way so that it changes you. **It's all up to how you receive the message.**

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