

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL

17 January 2021

Texts: Matthew 13:1-23; Luke 8:4-15

Subject: "Bear fruit with patience" Luke 8:15

INTRODUCTION

1. Revisitation: The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

2. Focus: Bearing fruit

3. Features of the Parable

a) The Seed: The Word of God Luke 8:11

b) The ground: The hearts of the hearers Luke 8:15

THE GROUND THAT DID NOT BEAR FRUIT AT ALL

1. The wayside Luke 8:12

2. The work of the devil

a) He snatches the word of God away

b) He takes the word out of the heart of the hearers Luke 8:12

i) Lest they should believe

ii) Lest they should be saved

THE GROUND THAT HAD NO DEPTH (ROCKY GROUND)

1. The hearers

a) They receive the word well Luke 8:13

b) They received it with joy

2. No roots

a) They believe

b) But only for a while Luke 8:13

3. Time of temptation

a) Testing (general idea)

b) Tribulation/ persecution Matthew 13:21

c) Stumbling Matthew 13:21

d) They fall away Luke 8:13

THE GROUND THAT HAD THORNS

1. They heard the word Luke 8:14

2. They go out and are choked

a) With cares

b) With riches

c) With pleasures of life

3. The word of God is choked Matthew 13:22

4. The hearer becomes unfruitful Matthew 13:22

5. They bring no fruit to maturity Luke 8:14

a) Some promise of fruit

b) But the fruit did not come to maturity

c) There was no fruit

THE GROUND THAT YIELDED FRUIT

1. Good ground Luke 8:15

a) Hearing of the word

b) There is understanding Matthew 13:23

c) With a noble heart Luke 8:15

d) With a good heart Luke 8:15

e) The word of God is kept well Luke 8:15

f) It bears fruit with patience Luke 8:15

2. Quantity of yield

a) Thirtyfold

b) Sixtyfold

c) Hundredfold

Matthew 13:23

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To check for fruit

a) Maturity

b) Fruit

2. To check the heart

a) For understanding

b) For response

3. To address the problems as they appear

a) The word of God must not be snatched away

b) There must be depth of ground

c) Beware the temptations of life

4. Desire to bear good fruit