Public Opinion Can't Help

Let's think about it in the light of the sower, the seed and the soil.

The Sower and His Seed change not.

The sower and his seed: the sower sows the seed intentionally and directly on the ground that has been prepared.

1st Soil mentioned:

Indirectly, seed will fall upon areas that were not made ready when he broadcast his seed. Seed will indirectly fall on deaf ears.

2nd soil mentioned:

Seed will indirectly fall on a mind and emotions of them that take hold of what the crowd they are surrounded by grabs. They don't look within but around them and gauge the people in their circle on how they respond to it. They follow along with the crowd and mentally and emotionally are caught up in the moment. But the test will prove it wasn't personal but more of a corporate commitment and not a personal one so they will not stand on nor stand up for the word when put under pressure.

3rd soil mentioned:

Seed will indirectly fall on those that are savvy and well equipped with intellectual information and they will add this new information and insight to their repertoire and portfolio of options for doing life. The word becomes another means of self help tools but it just can't hold up next to all the other worldly wisdom for doing life without Jesus.

4th soil mentioned: Seed will directly and intentionally fall on the good ground that the sower had prepared and they will hear, understand, accept it as their own and see it spring up, increase and bear fruit to the glory of God. The ground is described as being a good and noble heart by Luke, unlike the hard wayside where every walks when they pass the prepared and planted field, the rockier shallow soil, and the thorny

soil that's covered up and consumed that which is cursed and condemned.

A little excerpt from the message...

"...And when we sow that seed, that seed being the Word of God, what we do when we sow it, we broadcast it, we throw it out. Today, when I read the word when I share the word, it's like a farmer who took a sack of seed, and as he walked through the field, and he broadcasted that seed out, he would throw it out of his bag. And there would be a pathway, alongside the field just like fields back here or fields you've operated in before you normally have a path that you go around the field or even a path through the center of the field. There were always paths around it and they would also be a limestone bottom or rocky ground that was normally nearby, as well. And then along those paths in certain areas, they would be things that would grow up like thorns and thistles. And they would grow up. But when the sower went forth, and he broadcasted that seed, he would throw it out. And the wind would take some of it because it was usually fairly light. And when you broadcast that seed, the winds will blow it and it will go over the path, it will go along the rocky ground, and some of its gonna go along the thorns. And he then says, though, that some fall upon what was good ground. Now what the farmers would do in those days, it's a little bit different than what we do. And some people still do this, as well, this depends on the time, I think, Greg, when he sowed back here in one of his fields, he more than likely has had done this, but they would broadcast that seed and then they would go through the field and plow that field up and turn that seed over. Now, you have to keep in mind, he had intentions of making sure the good ground got turned over, he wasn't turning up the ground by the thorns, and he wasn't turning up the ground by the rocks. And he wasn't going to turn up the ground on the path. It just happens when you throw the seed out, some of that seed is going to go there. But those other seeds that fall upon the path, it's not going to take root, the birds are going to come along and they're gonna have them a little feast, they're gonna get to eat on that. And the scriptures apply that in Luke eight — that's like Satan for example today when the Word goes forth, and we read it, we look in it, we talk about it. Those that don't have a good heart for that seed to fall in, whether it be here are those that are going to watch us down the road are watching us right now that seed will fall and not take any kind of root and Satan will come and remove it take it away because that he doesn't the Word of God has power in it. Amen. And the Word of God on good soil is going to produce a good harvest. So the seed that falls by the wayside, the enemy will come and snatch it away before it can take root. Now some of the seeds that will fall along the rocky ground are those that received that word excitedly. But they're kind of like a person, like you, when you heard a song and it stirred you up a little bit, but you liked it. And you said, Man, I'm gonna, I'm gonna treat my wife this way. Or I'm going to treat my husband this way. Boy, it stirs you up to get caught up in it. Or you get caught up in a crowd. You're with a group

of people and they talk to you about something and it excites you a little bit. And you hear what they are talking about. And boy. It stirs you up. Some of you've received that message with gladness, but there's no root, it didn't take root in you because there's no place for it to take root, there's just hard rock under there. And that sea can't take root. So it never blossoms. It never comes to life because it fell on the wrong kind of soil. And then there's the kind where the seed will fall among the thorns where the cares of this life. And those types of things, grow up alone with it, and eventually just choke it out. And it can't produce anything because of just life in general. When you hear a word, you delightfully welcome it, the word, but because you've never been removed from the cares, and all these things in the world, all these things just choke out the word and it just withers away and never comes to produce fruit. But a good heart has been worked by the Lord, a heart that has been plowed up by the goodness and the gentleness and the long-suffering and the patience of God preparing that heart so that that seed can get in and when it gets in, it's going to produce a harvest out of it. And you gotta keep that in mind. And that happens every time the word is proclaimed and broadcast, whether it be here or in the 1000s of places around the world today.

Remember when he said, Lord, I thank you that you have concealed it from the wise and the prudent, but you've revealed it to babes. I mean, he praised God and thanked God that He revealed the truth, and he concealed the truth because truth belongs to God. And God either reveals it or conceals it. And if you find like you're not growing and gleaning truth, there's a reason why that is because God's got to unveil it. God's got to be supernaturally unveiling history, and we got to be in the right position, to seek the Word, but God's got to be the one who either reveals it or conceals it. Because the truth is not like anything else in the world. It's at the mercy of the truth giver, our God Himself. Now we can know it, we can hear it. Because he's given us the capacity to hear. So now we want to choose to hear, we want to be in the right place to hear it. Amen. Now, what happened that day, is that when he talked about this sower Rusty, and he shared this with them, there were a lot of people that heard that. And they said they understood these agricultural teachings. And I imagine some of them said, what was the use of that? I mean, really, why? Why? I mean, we know how this works out. We know that they're sewers, we know that there's, there's PAVS, and there's thorny ground, and there's rocky ground. And we know what it means to plow up the ground. We know all that. But see, they weren't interested. That's because they just wouldn't be any more interested in what he had to say other than, well, okay, we get it. They heard it, but they didn't hear it. They could see what he was saying but didn't see it. They could understand what he was talking about but didn't understand what he was talking about. Right. But the disciples, those that assault the Lord, the Scriptures tell us, they came to me. And they said, Master, what was all this about?..."

"...Do they understand what a disciple is? Did they understand what Jesus came to make when he came to make disciples and save people? What does all that mean? You see, you can't take the public's census on these things, what we need and what he's going to unveil here, watch this. He

says, who demands that and verse 14, so they said, Some say, John the Baptist and some say Elijah, and others even say Jeremiah was one of the prophets or one of the prophets, verse 15, and he said to him, But who do you, who do you say that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Christ, the Son of the living God? And notice what He tells him. Jesus answered and said to him, Blessed are you Simon bar Jonah, why, public opinion didn't teach you this? Flesh and blood have not revealed this to you, but my father, who is in Heaven, oh, man, God done showed up..."

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