

Parable of the Sower
The Good Soil - The Receptive, Fruitful Heart
Mark 4:1-20 (pt. 4)

I. Introduction

II. The Good Soil Described. vv. 8, 20

- A. The seed falls on soft, fertile soil. v. 8 (Gen. 26:12, Jas. 3:17-18)

- B. The receptive soil yields a rich harvest. (Jer. 17:9, Ps. 1:3, 99:3, Rom. 3:11, Phil. 4:17)

III. The Receptive Heart Produces Abundant Fruit to God's Glory. v. 20

- A. This hearer receives and understands the Word. (Mark 7:21-23, Jer. 15:16, Ps. 119, Lk. 8:15, 3:8)

- B. Your life will be radically changed as you bear fruit. (Matt. 13:23, Ps. 92:12-14, Lk. 8:15, Pro. 12:12, Eph. 4:7, Matt. 25:14ff, Rom. 12:4-8, Jn. 15:8-12, Eph. 5:9-10, Gal. 5:22, Ps. 104:13)

- C. Some Biblical examples of fruitful receptive hearers. (Acts 4:36, 9:26-27, 11:24-25)

IV. Why Do Some Not Understand the Gospel? vv. 10-12

- A. Why does Jesus speak to them in parables? v. 10-12 (Matt. 13:11-12, 2 Cor. 4:4, Rom. 9:16-21, Jn. 3:27)

- B. Some speaking ministry has a ministry of hardening. v. 10-13 (Is. 6:9, Deut. 29:4, Matt. 13:10-17, Ex. 14:20, Rom. 10:17)

V. Conclusion /Application (1 Tim. 1:15, Rom. 8:7-8, Acts 2:38)