

Mark 4:13

by Chuck Smith

Chuck Smith explains the parable of the sower, highlighting the importance of having a good root in our faith to bear fruit and avoid being choked by worldly influences.

Scripture: Matthew 13:22, Mark 4:13-20, Luke 8:14, Galatians 5:22-23, James 1:22

Topics: "Heart Condition", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

Chuck Smith discusses the parable of the sower in Mark 4:13, emphasizing the different types of soil representing the hearts of individuals. He describes the wayside as indifferent, the stony ground as lacking depth and commitment, and the thorny ground as those who receive the Word but are choked by worldly cares and desires. Smith encourages believers to examine their own hearts, recognizing that many may think they are in the good ground category, but may actually be struggling with thorns that hinder their spiritual growth. He calls for a breaking up of fallow ground to allow for true fruit-bearing in our lives.

Transcript

I. THE WAYSIDE.

A. Those who are absolutely indifferent.

II. THE STONY GROUND.

A. Christians one day - backslidden next.

B. No root.

a. All surface experience.

III. SOWN AMONG THORNS.

A. Receive the Word.

B. Bear no fruit.

IV. GOOD GROUND.

A. Fruit bearing.

V. WE ALWAYS LIKE TO HEAR HOW GOOD WE ARE.

A. Like to consider ourselves in last category.

B. Actually in third.

1. We have heard and received the word.

2. It has taken root and grown.

3. The thorns.

a. Cares of this world.

(1. Housework.

(2. Entertainment.

(3. Jobs.

b. Deceitfulness of riches.

1. We think wealth an end of worries.

c. Lust of other things.

4. These choke our lives and make us ineffective.

VI. BREAK UP FALLOW GROUND.

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