

Kingdom Parables

Lesson aim: To show the varying responses to the God's word as it is taught

The setting of the parables--Mt. 13:1-3a (Mk. 4:1-2; Lk. 8:4)

The parable of the sower--Mt. 13:3b-23 (Mk. 4:3-25; Lk. 8:5-18)

- 1. In what ways does Satan "snatch away" the word from the heart of man?*
- 2. What are some of the persecutions and afflictions that arise because of the word?*
- 3. What factors might choke the word of God out of our lives?*
- 4. What are the features of one who bears fruit? Why different measures?*
- 5. Someone has said that parables were designed to reveal and conceal. Do you agree with this statement?*
- 6. What keeps one from hearing the truth and being saved?*

The parable of the seed--Mk. 4:26-29

- 1. What is the message of the parable of the seed?*

Research challenge:



People are often puzzled by the concept that God hardens the hearts of men. How God harden hearts? How can this be reconciled with free will? How does this compare with the Calvinistic doctrine of predestination?