

ARE YOUR SEEDS GROWING?

And He spoke to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. "Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. "Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. "And others fell on the good soil and *yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. (Mat 13:3-8)

THE THIEF COMES TO STEAL

- ▶ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil *one* comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.
- ▶ (Mat 13:19)

IT HAPPENED TO JESUS

- ▶ and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased." (Luke 3:22)
- ▶ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." (Luke 4:3)

IT HAPPENED TO ADAM & EVE

- ▶ Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" (Genesis 3:1)

DON'T PARTNER WITH THE DEVIL - OVERCOME

- ▶ "You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)
- ▶ You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them. (1Jn 4:4-5)

HOW WE CAN GROW ?

- ▶ So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31-32)
- ▶ How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You. (Psalm 119:9-11)

YOU GET HELP

- ▶ Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word! (Psa 103:20)
- ▶ Then the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him. (Mat 4:11)
- ▶ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation? (Heb 1:14)
- ▶ "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. (Joh 14:26)