

## The Sower



## Satan is Afraid of God's Word

- 1 John 3:8 – Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.
- 9 - No one born of God makes a practice of sinning
- 10 – This is how we know who is on what team
- Mark 4:1-20 – Parable of the Sower
- The interpretation (14) tells us the seed is the Word
- When the seed lands on prepared soil it bears fruit.
- Satan does all he can to see that seed does not mature

## Strategies of Satan To Keep You Carnal

- 3 Strategies of Satan to take God's word from you
- 1. Satan will often act Immediately as soon as word is heard to make people inattentive, cause Ill-will, or simply ignorant of spiritual things they cant grasp it
- 2. Eventually, after the Word has been received with Joy, Satan attacks with hard times. Not worth trouble
- 3. He comes when the Word has taken root and strangles it with the lie it will cost too much

## Strategies of Satan To Keep You Carnal

- 3 Strategies of Satan to take God's word from you
- 1. Immediately – through inattention, Ill-will, Ignorance
- Satan works overtime to keep people from giving serious attention to the Word Of God. 15
- Keep up late Sat. night, thoughts about work this week, too busy for devotions, distractions in church
- Ill will toward: preacher, the truth – gospel is foolishness, brokenness is demeaning
- Ignorance – 2 Cor.4:3-4

## Strategies of Satan To Keep You Carnal

### 2. Persecution

- The seed that fell poor rocky soil. Eventually 4:16,17
- Satan uses persecution, they endure for a while...
- They receive it with joy, but no root... no follow up, no fellowship, no discipleship
- 1Thes.3:4 – “we kept telling you before hand...”
- 3:5 – “I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.” “It’s not worth it!”

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### 3. Prosperity

- The seed that fell among the thorns – eventually, through prosperity – Mk.4:18,19
- More concerned about advancement in this world, financially and socially.
- Eph.2:1-3 – pursuing this world and the things of the prince of this world.
- This would be Satan’s main tool in Canada, today. People think they can have both

## Consequences of The Loss Of God’s Word

- 3 Results from the loss of God’s word in your heart
- 1. Bear No Fruit - Mk.4:8-9; 20 - They hear it, accept it and bear fruit. This is what the Word Of God is intended to do! John 15:2; Gal.5:22-23
- 2. No Growth – Lk.6:43 - Fruit does not make a tree good. A good tree makes good fruit. John 8:31
- 3. Salvation – John 15:6 – If there is no fruit and no discipleship, there is no Salvation

## Strategies To Satan Combat Satan

- James 4:7 – Resist the Devil and He will Flee!
- 1Pet.5:8 – Be sober, watchful, your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion
- 1. Prepare the soil of your heart – This starts Sat. night  
Make it like the dark rich soil of a fruitful garden
- 2. Listen with all your might to The Word Of God. Focus on what you are hearing. Read it everyday
- 3. In the act of hearing, Welcome the Word Of God.  
When it is of God then welcome and apply it!