

Take heed therefore how ye hear.

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The Parable of the Sower.

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⁴ And a great crowd coming together, and those who were coming to him out of each city,
⁵ he spoke by parable: The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the way, and it was trodden under foot, and the birds of the
⁶ heaven devoured it up; and other fell upon the rock, and having sprung up, it was dried up because it had not moisture;
⁷ and other fell in the midst of the thorns, and the thorns having sprung up with^b [it] choked
⁸ it; and other fell into the good ground, and having sprung up bore fruit a hundredfold. As he said these things he cried, He that has ears to hear, let
⁹ him hear. And his disciples asked him [saying], What may
¹⁰ this parable be? And he said, To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, in order that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

¹¹ But the parable is this: The seed is the word
¹² of God. But those by the way-side are those who hear; then comes the devil and takes away the word from their heart that they may not believe and be
¹³ saved. But those upon the rock, those who when they hear receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a time, and in time of trial
¹⁴ fall away. But that that fell where the thorns were,^c these are they who having heard go away and are choked under cares and riches and pleasures of life,^d and bring no fruit to
¹⁵ perfection. But that in the good ground, these are they who^e in an honest and good heart, having heard the word keep it, and bring forth fruit
¹⁶ with patience.