

BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

THEME 2008: ...*THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER...*

TOPIC: *A SOWER WENT FORTH TO SOW*

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Memory verse -

And he spoke many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold a sower went forth to sow;

Matt. 13:3

The parable of the sower told to the crowd on the sea shore is one of the greatest insights into the conditions that are needed for the word to impact our lives. We understand that the sower is the son of man (Mt. 13:37) who sows the good seed. The seed he went forth with is the good seed, perfect, and able to accomplish all things (II Tim. 3:16).

Notes

Notice that the seeds decided to sow themselves. Those that fell by the way side, upon stony places, among thorns, and on the good ground (Mt. 13:3-8) were not sown by the sower.

The seeds were of themselves good but some of them choose the wrong places to incubate. The sower allowed the seeds to choose their places of abode in a manner as to allow them to determine which of the seeds will bring forth fruit or not (consider Eccl. 11:6). Recall that in an earlier study we had noted that God is not 'strategic' in the sense in which we understand that word. Rather he sows not vainly though but with a purpose not to undermine or take advantage of; but with the desire to make men become like him (see Jn. 10:34-35). It is important to have and sow good seeds but it is more important to sow them on the right ground because that is what determines its output. In this case, we are the ground upon which the seed falls and we determine what happens to that seed (Lk. 21; 1-4; Mt. 25:14-25).