BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

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

TOPIC: ***A SOWER WENT FORTH TO SOW II*** **20TH JULY, 2008**

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

Matt. 13:3

Notes

Today, as we try to conclude our consideration of the parable of the sower, we focus on the different kinds of grounds that, as we understand from last week's study is ourselves. We are certainly different kinds of grounds as Jesus explained, there is the wayside, thorns, rocky, and good grounds (Mt. 13:18-23).

The wayside ground is he that received the word and has no understanding (Mt. 13:19). The seed was sown or given to him but because he lacks understanding (Heb. 4:2), he cannot keep what he has but allows the devil to take it away. Faith is so important in our relationship with God (consider Heb. 11:6). The rocky ground is the one who does not study enough to establish his roots firmly (II Tim. 2:15). It is only when we study that we can be anchored (Heb. 6:19). The thorny ground is he who allows the world to choke up the treasures of God in him since when we genuinely believe the past does not count (II Cor. 5:17). The good ground refers to those who are living the life of God (Ja. 1:22).

But how can I be a good ground? Remember that in our earlier studies we concluded that the son of man is the sower and the seed is the word of God; also that he is liberal in giving the seed. What is needed therefore is for us to condition ourselves (review Pr. 23:7).