

THE FOUR SOILS - Mt. 13:9 { WE SEE SOIL

Hard - stony - thorny - good -

Difference in the yield { not due to sower or seed but to the reception given by soil }

Importance of hearing - response -

4 Kinds of hearers

I Unresponsive - message utterly wasted -
minds wander - go away to live drab lives
again - just as before -

have allowed their hearts to become like wayside soil
why did these fail to respond?

what caused it to grow hard?

Some crisis - Some hurt -

Soil not wanting - infertile
Some capacity -
hard - seed had no chance

Long process of disobedience -

hear & refuse to put into practice -

Jesus warns: "Take heed how ye hear."

II Quick, ready response - eager - enthusiastic -

as quick to quit - sought to live in the realm
of their emotions instead of in the realm of conviction
genuine difficulties in the way -

1. hot sun - same sun brought life to other wheat.
2. Wind - etc.

These should have proved the more helpful -

III Quick response - soon choked by briars & thorns
not looking in fertility -

— unable to grow a harvest of {wheat} {thorns} at same time

we have capacities for sainthood -

None of us is capable of growing two crops -
The best within us will be choked & dwarfed -

thorns are anything that crowds out the wheat -

1. worry - care-filled feverish self -

2. money - Hard to grow rich in things & grace at the same time

3. Pleasure - must let the best be crowded out -

[Thinning corn] weeds -

IV The fruitful hearer - Hope of world - capacity no greater

1. Had open mind - actively attentive - recognized fact that a great opportunity was open to him - Eager seeker

2. Having heard - he kept it - put into practice - live up to light you have

3. He had staying qualities - patience