

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Luke 8.1-15

¹And it came to pass afterward that He went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him,

²and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

³and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who ministered unto Him from their substance.

⁴And when many people had gathered together and had come to Him out of every city, He spoke by a parable:

⁵"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside, and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

⁶And some fell upon a rock, and as soon as it had sprung up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

⁷And some fell among thorns and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

⁸And other fell on good ground, and sprang up and bore fruit a hundredfold." And when He had said these things, He cried, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear!"

⁹And His disciples asked Him, saying, "What might this parable mean?"

¹⁰And He said, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God; but to others in parables, that seeing they might not see and hearing they might not understand."

¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.

¹²Those by the wayside are they that hear; then cometh the devil and take away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

¹³The seed on the rock are they that, when they hear, receive the Word with joy, but they have no root: they for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

¹⁴And that which fell among thorns are they that, when they have heard, go forth and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

¹⁵But that on the good ground are they that, in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen, Amen.

