



# THE SOWER, THE SEED, AND THE SOIL

MATTHEW 13:1 – 9; MARK 4:1 – 9; LUKE 8:4 – 8

the

Parables

of Jesus



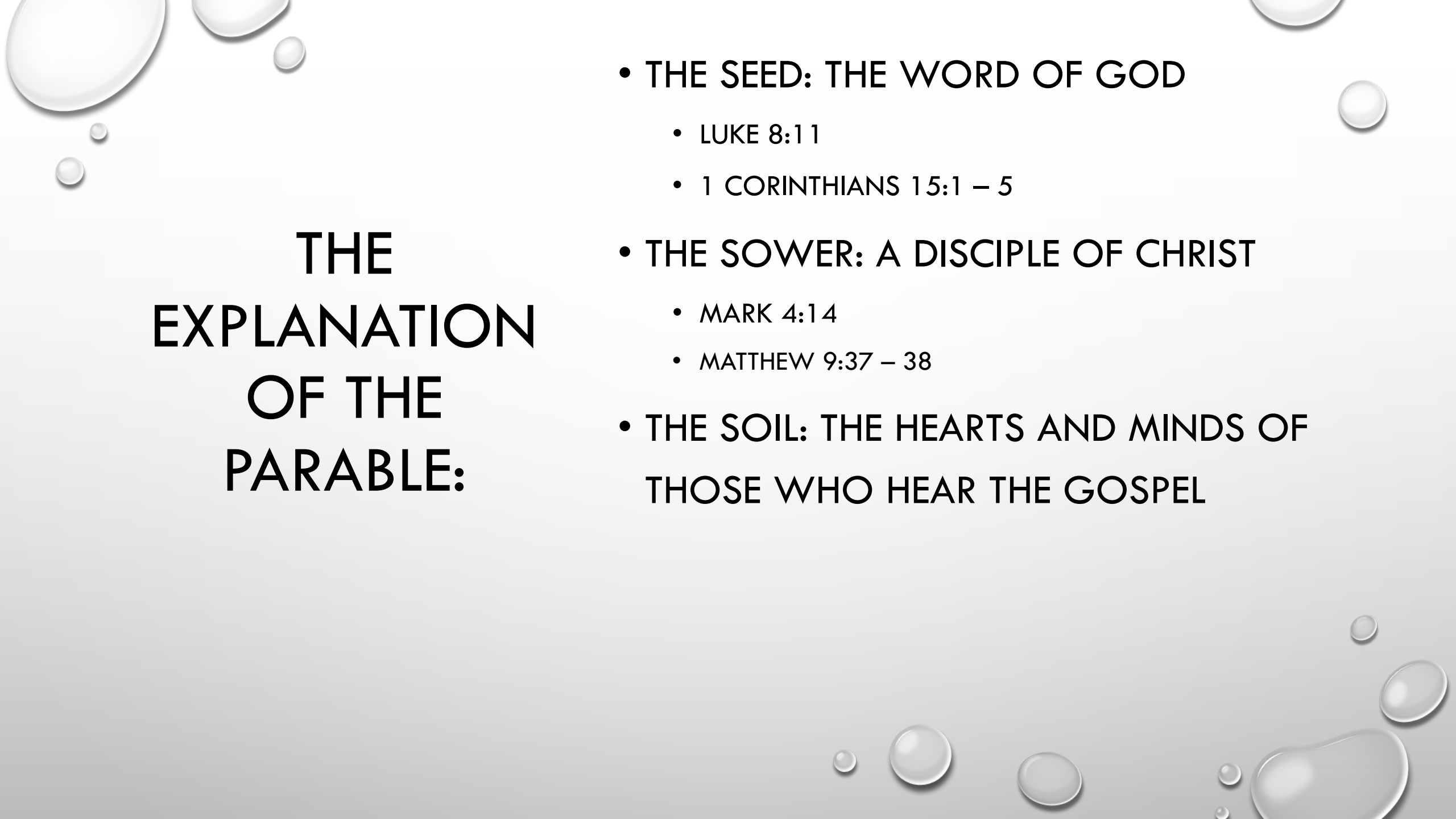
1 ON THE SAME DAY JESUS WENT OUT OF THE HOUSE AND SAT BY THE SEA. 2 AND GREAT MULTITUDES WERE GATHERED TOGETHER TO HIM, SO THAT HE GOT INTO A BOAT AND SAT; AND THE WHOLE MULTITUDE STOOD ON THE SHORE. 3 THEN HE SPOKE MANY THINGS TO THEM IN PARABLES, SAYING: "BEHOLD, A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW. 4 AND AS HE SOWED, SOME SEED FELL BY THE WAYSIDE; AND THE BIRDS CAME AND DEVoured THEM. 5 SOME FELL ON STONY PLACES, WHERE THEY DID NOT HAVE MUCH EARTH; AND THEY IMMEDIATELY SPRANG UP BECAUSE THEY HAD NO DEPTH OF EARTH. 6 BUT WHEN THE SUN WAS UP THEY WERE SCORCHED, AND BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT THEY WITHERED AWAY. 7 AND SOME FELL AMONG THORNS, AND THE THORNS SPRANG UP AND CHOKED THEM. 8 BUT OTHERS FELL ON GOOD GROUND AND YIELDED A CROP: SOME A HUNDREDFOLD, SOME SIXTY, SOME THIRTY. 9 HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR!"

## MATTHEW 13:1 – 9

18 “THEREFORE HEAR THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER: 19 WHEN ANYONE HEARS THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM, AND DOES NOT UNDERSTAND IT, THEN THE WICKED ONE COMES AND SNATCHES AWAY WHAT WAS SOWN IN HIS HEART. THIS IS HE WHO RECEIVED SEED BY THE WAYSIDE. 20 BUT HE WHO RECEIVED THE SEED ON STONY PLACES, THIS IS HE WHO HEARS THE WORD AND IMMEDIATELY RECEIVES IT WITH JOY; 21 YET HE HAS NO ROOT IN HIMSELF, BUT ENDURES ONLY FOR A WHILE. FOR WHEN TRIBULATION OR PERSECUTION ARISES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, IMMEDIATELY HE STUMBLES. 22 NOW HE WHO RECEIVED SEED AMONG THE THORNS IS HE WHO HEARS THE WORD, AND THE CARES OF THIS WORLD AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES CHOKES THE WORD, AND HE BECOMES UNFRUITFUL. 23 BUT HE WHO RECEIVED SEED ON THE GOOD GROUND IS HE WHO HEARS THE WORD AND UNDERSTANDS IT, WHO INDEED BEARS FRUIT AND PRODUCES: SOME A HUNDREDFOLD, SOME SIXTY, SOME THIRTY.”

**MATTHEW 13:18 – 23**





# THE EXPLANATION OF THE PARABLE:

- THE SEED: THE WORD OF GOD
  - LUKE 8:11
  - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1 – 5
- THE SOWER: A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST
  - MARK 4:14
  - MATTHEW 9:37 – 38
- THE SOIL: THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THOSE WHO HEAR THE GOSPEL

# SEED FELL BY THE WAYSIDE

- ITS HARD PACKED GROUND.
- THE SEED CANNOT SINK DEEP INTO SOIL.
- BECAUSE IT SITS ON TOP OF THE SOIL IT BECOMES EASY PICKING FOR BIRDS.
- MATTHEW 13:13 – 15
- ACTS 28:25 – 28
- HEBREWS 5:11



## SEED FELL ON THE ROCKY SOIL

- THIS SOIL IS NOT AS HARD PACKED AS THE SOIL BY THE WAYSIDE.
- HOWEVER, BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY ROCKS THE SEED HAS A DIFFICULT TIME GROWING ROOTS INTO THE SOIL.
- ROMANS 1:16

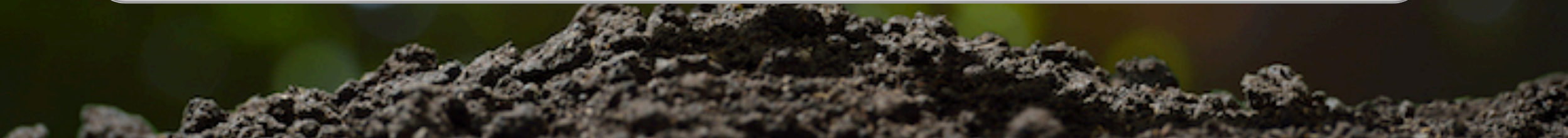


## SEED FELL ON THE THORNY SOIL

- UNLIKE THE TWO PREVIOUS SOILS THE SEED IS ABLE TO IMPLANT FIRMLY INTO THE SOIL.
- HOWEVER, BECAUSE THERE SO MANY WEEDS AROUND IT, THE NEWLY FORMED PLANT IS UNABLE TO GET THE NUTRIENTS IT NEEDS.
- HEBREWS 5:12 – 14

## SEED FELL ON THE GOOD SOIL

- THIS FINAL TYPE SOIL HAS BEEN MADE READY TO RECEIVE THE SEED SO THAT IT IS ABLE TO IMPLANT FIRM ROOTS INTO THE SOIL.
- IT CONTINUES TO GROW AND BE HEALTHY BECAUSE THE THORNY WEEDS HAVE BEEN REMOVED.
- JAMES 1:21



The background of the image is a light gray gradient. It is decorated with numerous water droplets of various sizes, some appearing as simple circles and others as more complex, rounded shapes with highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The droplets are scattered across the frame, with a higher concentration in the top-left and bottom-right corners.

**ARE YOU SOWING THE  
SEED OF THE  
KINGDOM?**