

Sermon Notes – March 10, 2024

The Parable of the Soils (*Mark 4:1-34*)

- I. The description of the soils. (*Vss. 1-20*)
 - A. Along the road where Satan comes and takes away the seed. (*Vs. 15*)
 - B. The rocky places where temporary emotionalism takes no root. (*Vss. 16-17*)
 - C. The thorny places where the cares of the culture take precedence over God. (*Vss. 18-19*)
 - D. The good soil where actual salvation happens evidenced by fruit-bearing. (*Vs. 20*)
 1. Those who abide in Christ. (*John 15*)
 2. Those who multiply their talents. (*Matthew 25:14-30*)

- II. The description of the Lamp. (*Vss. 21-25*)
 - A. The Word of God. (*Psalms 119:105*) (*John 1:1-5*)
 - B. The Son of God. (*John 8:12*) (*I John 1*)

- III. The description of the Kingdom of God. (*Vss. 26-34*)
 - A. The divine activity of God. (*Vss. 26-29*)
 1. God is at work even when we don't see it.
 2. God is accomplishing His will even when we don't know it.
 - B. The divine assurance of God. (*Vss. 30-34*)
 1. Humble beginnings lead to glorious endings.
 2. Little is much when God is in it.
 3. My Word will not return to me void.