

“Through the Looking Glass” The Kingdom of Heaven as seen through the parables of Jesus
“For now we see through a glass...” - I Cor. 13:12

“Good Earth” (HAPPY EARTH DAY!) The Sower – Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

13 ¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

The Truth of _____ is _____ the earth!

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom...”

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The lies of _____ are _____ the earth!

“...and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.”

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The _____ on this earth are _____ the earth!

²⁰ “The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.”

TROUBLES, “because of the word”

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The _____ of this earth are _____ the earth!

²² “The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.”

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The _____ on this earth are _____ the earth!

²³ “But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

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