



**CASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children.  
**Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria Always Bears the Signature of**  
*Dr. H. H. Hatcher*  
**In Use For Over Thirty Years**  
**CASTORIA**  
THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

**IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)  
(Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.)

**LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 17**  
**JESUS TEACHING FIVE PARABLES - FOUR KINDS OF GROUND.**

**LESSON TEXT**—Mark 4:1-20.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—Take heed therefore how ye hear.—Luke 8:18.  
**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS**—Matt. 13:1-30; 36-43.  
**PRIMARY TOPIC**—Jesus telling a story about sowing seed.  
**PRIMARY MEMORY VERSE**—Be ye doers of the word.—James 1:22.

Jesus tells us plainly why he taught so much by means of parables (Matt. 13:10-13). The truth had to be taught; hence the parable, that those to whom it was given to know the messages of the kingdom, those who sought it, might know and understand, and that to the others it might be hidden (Mark 4:11, 12). Like all his parables, Jesus draws his pictures from the common experiences of life—the field, the home, etc. Paul draws his illustrations chiefly from the city, the army, the market. In studying this lesson we must turn to the parallel account as given by Luke and Matthew to get the full and complete picture.

What is the seed? Luke says that Jesus told his disciples that the seed was the Word of God (Luke 18:11). We get the same thought in verse fourteen of the lesson. A great deal is being made today of seed selection. Some wonderful results have been obtained. How much more important for those of us who deal with immortal souls that we select the best seed, i. e., the Word of God.

The second consideration is the sower (v. 4). Notice he went forth not to "sow," not is it recorded that he was "sore" because the people did not all receive the seed alike. He did not have a grouse; he did not enter into his work that he might receive the adulation of men (Matt. 6:2). It is, however, the "soil" that seems to be most emphasized in both the direct teaching and also the explanation of the parable. There are four kinds of soil. The manner by which the seed came into contact with each kind of soil is significant. Some fell "by" the wayside; the path was well trodden; the ground was preoccupied; e. g., it was used for other purposes than to yield a harvest; it was hard to be broken, and hence it was an easy matter for the birds of the air (v. 15) to come and pluck it away. We need to remember that if men receive with meekness the implanted word, there will, of course, be no such opportunity for the evil one. The trouble in this case was that the Word was not implanted. Thus it is that one-fourth of the seed is lost. The result is a deplorable one as we see from Heb. 2:1-4. Is the soil of our life so hard that God must drive the plowshare clean through it ere there is a chance for the seed to take root? (Ps. 129:3).

The next fell "on" the rocky ground. The first is a picture of the hardened, and this is a picture of the superficial hearer. For a time they did run well. They even received the Word with gladness (v. 16), but they had no stability because they had no root. They were superficial. There was no chance for the seed to get a real grip on their lives. The earth yields its increase though we do not understand. So God will add his 95 per cent to our 5 per cent. The oak tree comes from small seed.

In the third place Jesus speaks of the seed that fell "among" the thorns. Here is the worldly soil. It is not so much the character of the soil, it is the character of that which already occupied the soil ere the sower sowed the seed. The cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and "other things" had so entered in that the good seed never had a chance in the soil of the human heart. It was choked and yielded no fruit. There was no real grip of the will, no whole-hearted surrender. The cares of life that keep the housewife or the business man; the deceitfulness of riches that snare men and choke the word which at one time gave such promise in their lives; the lusts and other things which the evil one knows so well how to use keep us from the Word, for Satan knows that by it we are to be saved (Luke 18:12). Are we impulsive? Do we make vows soon forgotten, ties that soon fade away or fall beneath the temptations for lack of root? May God blast and turn up the subsoil of our hearts by strong convictions of sin, and so occupy the soil that there is no opportunity for other things.

We have thus seen three-fourths of the seed lost. Of the remaining fourth, that which fell "into" (R. V.) the good soil, not all yielded the same return. It all brought forth (v. 7); it all yielded; it all sprang up, but not all in the same ratio.

There are three distinguishing features of this last kind of hearers: (1) They hear the Word. These are the ones who appreciate its value and give good heed to its precepts. (2) They accept it e. g., they understand its teachings. They take it into good and honest hearts. (3) They hold it fast (Luke 8:15 R. V.) These are the ones of which martyrs are made.

Jesus was a great open-air preacher (vv. 1-2) and like all others he has various kinds of hearers the half-hearted hearer the shallow-hearted hearer. The way to reach the masses is to go where the masses are.

There's no use in rocking the cradle while you pinch the baby.

Constipation generally indicates disordered stomach, liver and bowels. Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills restores regularity without gripping. Adv.

A shrewd financier is a man who can extract dividends from the theories.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO GUARIN Tablets. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. R. W. GROVER'S signature on each box. 30c.

A nation may not build a wall high enough to permit it safety as a recluse.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original little liver pills put up 40 years ago. They regulate liver and bowels. Ad.

Man prides himself on his superior intelligence, but who ever heard of a woman buying a gold brick?

**Fiery Red Pimples.**  
A hot bath with Cuticura Soap followed by an application of Cuticura Ointment to distressing eczemas, etc., proves their wonderful properties. For free samples address "Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston." At druggists and by mail. Soap 25, Ointment 25 and 50.—Adv.

**Can't Be Done.**  
"I tell her she is the only woman I ever loved." "Of course." "But she doesn't seem to believe me." "You can't help that. I doubt if Adam ever convinced Eve on that point."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.**  
To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/4 oz. of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off. Adv.

**Slippery Retort.**  
The messenger boy was red-headed, cheeky and dilatory.  
"C'mon! C'mon!" said the elevator man in the chamber of commerce as he started to close the door.  
"Don't get icy," said the boy, as he wiggled into the car. "Don't get icy or I'll slide on yuh."—Buffalo Express.

**"Cold in the Head"**  
is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. Persons who are subject to frequent "colds in the head" will find that the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will build up the System, cleanse the Blood and render them less liable to colds. Repeated attacks of Acute Catarrh may lead to Chronic Catarrh.  
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. All Druggists 75c. Testimonials free. \$10.00 for any case of catarrh that HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will not cure.  
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

**Another "Less" Day.**  
Mother was giving her young son a bath. She, of course, scoured him rather heavily and got soap in his eyes besides.  
"Mother," he said between his shrieks.  
"Yes, dear."  
"When are we goin' to have it?"  
"Have what?"  
"Why, one o' these here 'less' days. I want a soapless day."

**GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER**  
has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will immediately relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Ask your druggist. Sold in all civilized countries.—Adv.

The allies are marching against Germany's worst enemy.

**Tonight! Take Dodson's Liver Tone!**  
**Better Than Calomel For Liver**  
Calomel sickens! If bilious, constipated and head-achy read my guarantee.

Listen to me! Take no more sickening, salivating calomel when bilious or constipated. Don't lose a day's work!

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver, which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile, crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents. Take a spoonful tonight, and if it doesn't

straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning, I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.  
I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.—Adv.

**YOU COOK YOUR FOOD—WHY NOT YOUR TOBACCO?**

YOU know what broiling does to steak, baking to a potato—and toasting to bread. In each case flavor is brought out by cooking—by "toasting." So you can imagine how toasting improves the flavor of the Burley tobacco used in the Lucky Strike Cigarette.



**Carter's Little Liver Pills**  
You Cannot be Constipated and Happy  
A Remedy That Makes Life Worth Living  
Genuine bears signature  
*Dr. H. H. Hatcher*

ABSENCE of Iron in the Blood is the reason for many colorless faces but **CARTER'S IRON PILLS** will greatly help most pale-faced people

**Record Prices!**  
WE ARE NOW PAYING FOR FURS:  
Black Muskrats up to \$1.25  
Brown Muskrats " " .80  
Raccoons " " 3.50  
Minks " " 7.00  
Opossums " " 1.30  
Rabbit Skins 4c. per piece  
We charge no commission and pay expressage  
**LEWIS BAER & CO., Inc. :: BALTIMORE, U. S. A.**  
LARGEST AND OLDEST FUR HOUSE IN THE SOUTH

**Lookout Biscuit**  
FRESH - CRISP - WHOLESOME - DELICIOUS  
THE SANITARY METHODS APPLIED IN THE MAKING OF THESE BISCUITS MAKE THEM THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE  
Your Dealer has them, or if not he should. Ask him or write us giving his name.  
CHATTANOOGA BAKERY, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

**DON'T CUT OUT A Shoe Boil, Capped Hock or Bursitis FOR ABSORBINE**  
will reduce them and leave no blemish. Stops lameness promptly. Does not blister or remove the hair, and hor. can be worked. \$2.50 a bottle delivered. Book & R. free.  
ABSORBINE, JR., for mankind, the antiseptic ointment for Boils, Bruises, Sores, Swellings, Varicose Veins, Allays Pain and Inflammation. Price \$1.25 a bottle at druggists or delivered. Will tell you more if you write.  
W. F. YOUNG, P. D. F., 310 Temple St., Springfield, Mass.

**Rheumacide**  
GET AT THE JOINTS FROM THE INSIDE  
Have you RHEUMATISM Lumbago or Gout?  
Take RHEUMACIDE to remove the cause and drive the poison from the system.  
RHEUMACIDE OF THE INSIDE PUTS RHEUMATISM ON THE OUTSIDE  
At All Druggists  
Jas. Baily & Son, Wholesale Distributors Baltimore, Md.

Pure Georgia Cane Syrup 85c Per Gallon in barrels. Pure Sugar House Molasses 50c. Porter 50c. W. H. Davis, Columbia, S. C. Wholesale Molasses.

**To Prevent Grip**  
Fortify the System Against Winter Cold  
The strong withstand the Winter Cold Better than the Weak. If your Blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system will not be able to withstand the Winter Cold. Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the cold weather by taking regularly

**Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic**  
Contains the well-known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system, thus fortifying the system against colds and grip. Price 60c.  
Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

**Tired Nervous Mothers**  
Should Profit by the Experience of These Two Women  
Buffalo, N. Y.—"I am the mother of four children, and for nearly three years I suffered from a female trouble with pains in my back and side, and a general weakness. I had professional attendance most of that time but did not seem to get well. As a last resort I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound which I had seen advertised in the newspapers, and in two weeks noticed a marked improvement. I continued its use and am now free from pain and able to do all my household work."—Mrs. B. B. ZIELINSEK, 202 Weiss Street, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Portland, Ind.—"I had a displacement and suffered so badly from it at times I could not be on my feet at all. I was all run down and so weak I could not do my housework, was nervous and could not lie down at night. I took treatments from a physician but they did not help me. My Aunt recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I tried it and now I am strong and well again and do my own work and I give Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound the credit."—Mrs. JOSEPHINE KIMBLE, 935 West Race Street, Portland, Ind.  
Every Sick Woman Should Try  
**LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND**  
LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. LYNN, MASS.