

**PENTECOST 6**

**MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23**

**PARABLE OF THE SOWER**

**JULY 12, 2020**

Jesus tells the parable of the sower. How often in your life have you realized that the grace of God, like God's scattering of the seed, is abundant and overflowing and when God persists at throwing grace upon us, finally some lands on good soil. Thanks be to God when we have some good soil for it to land.

I remember as a young teenager that Dad had to come to the Sheriff's office to get me after I stupidly allowed good seed to be scorched in my life. Dad's only word to me was "son, I see that you have learned a valuable lesson, let's go home." This was good seed, finally and extravagantly, and grace upon grace, finding good soil in me. It had taken a lot of what looked like useless scattering of seed and grace but a relentless earthly father and Heavenly Father finally hit pay dirt. Thanks be to God!

The corona virus is now the bad seed. It is being sown everywhere. Some fight it with masks, some stay away from other's breath. Others isolate. This all helps but it is a creepy-crawler that can carry death. Do we have good seed that can fight the bad seed? Has God provided us with intelligence and common sense and will? Has God spread enough good seed that it will persist until it finds the good soil? May it fall on good soil (our care providers and scientists) to bring forth grain (medical break-throughs and vaccine), some a hundred-fold even.

May God's grace and abundance and scattering of good seed even find good soil among our leaders and politicians. Let's give God our best, our best soil, the seed is scattered and waiting.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we pray that you keep scattering your grace, even though at times we do not use it or plant it well. Give us grace to be good soil and to receive all that you give. Amen.