



# The Sower



**SOWER**  
The Savior and His servants

**SEEDS**  
The word of God

**SPREAD TO DIFFERENT TYPES OF GROUND**  
Preached to people with different levels of preparation for the word.



**WAYSIDE**  
Hard heart, unprepared, no desire for righteousness



**STONY GROUND**  
No root in the gospel, no conversion



**THORNS**  
Cares of the world, deceitfulness of riches



**GOOD GROUND**  
Honest and good heart, converted



**FOWLS DEVoured SEEDS**  
Devil takes away the word from their heart.



**SPRUNG UP, WERE SCORCHED, WITHERED**  
Tribulation and persecution quickly turn them from the word.



**WERE CHOKED**  
Worldly things choke out the gospel and its effects.



**BROUGHT FORTH FRUIT**  
They receive the gospel, live it, and strive for deeper conversion.

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For more on this parable, see Dallin H. Oaks, "The Parable of the Sower," Apr. 2015 general conference (*Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2015, 32-35).