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## The sower – Pt 1 seed fallen by the way side – Satan takes away

This week we begin a new study on “the sower” and establish (1) The sower sows seed which is the word of God, (2) some fell by the way side where i) Satan takes away the word from their heart, and ii) therefore they do not believe the word.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded –

### 1. The sower sows seed which is the word or **God**

“Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow” (Mk.4: 3), c.f. – Mk 4:14 “The sower soweth the word”.

### 2. Some fell by the way side where –

\* **Satan** immediately takes away the word from their heart.

“And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up” (Mk.4: 4), c.f. – Mk 4:15 “And these are they by the way side...Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word”.

\* **Therefore they do not believe the word and are not saved.**

“Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved” (Lk 8:12).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

When Karen and I were at BCNZ and there was an opportunity to go out and speak to people in the Auckland CBD about Christ I had no desire to take part until I came to the knowledge of the truth of Holy Scripture being preserved in the English text of the Authorised Bible. When, by God’s grace I came to that truth – He called me to sow His pure seed – which is the word of God.

Questions to think about.

i) Why did I not take part in evangelism before I came to the truth of the Authorised Bible being scripture – the word of God?

ii) Why do other brethren participate in evangelism without God’s perfect words?

Our answers from the scriptures.

i) I now realise that I did not participate in evangelism without God’s perfect words, because I would be sowing corrupt seed. That is not to say that the lost cannot get saved by hearing the gospel from a corrupt copy of the scriptures, but more care has to be taken with the seed once it is planted. In a way we would be helping Satan, and then when attacked we would struggle to defend ourselves with an ineffective sword.

ii) I can only think that those who evangelise without the “holy scripture of truth” (Dan.10: 21) but with a corrupt copy desire to do the work more than submit to the will of God. Because God does not equip His sowers with corrupt seed to sow, nor does he give them a weak and ineffective sword and place them in the battle! When God sets “some in the church first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers...” (1 Cor.12: 28) He equips them with His armour and His weapons for His battle (including “the word of God” which is a “quick, and powerful...sword” (Heb. 4:12), and they will sow God’s perfect pure seed – of which some will fall by the way side that Satan will immediately take away from the hearts of the lost, but the sower won’t get discouraged by the enemy, and when he is attacked by the devil he will have the perfect sword to defend himself.

Let us keep sowing, preaching, and put out His perfect pure word to the lost, and pray that – “my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please...” (Is.55: 11). Amen!