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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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They see and hear not, what you see and hear (PT. 2)

MATTHEW 13:18-23 NLT - (18) "Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: **(19)** The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then **the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.** **(20)** The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. **(21)** But since they **don't have deep roots, they don't last long.** They fall away as soon as **they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.** **(22)** The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is **crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth,** so no fruit is produced. **(23)** The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

Often I have wondered why is it that many cannot see, hear and even understand the word of God. God gives it in a very simple and plain way, but what is it about the people of God that we don't grasp on to what has been said? In the above passages, vs. **(19-22)** identify the reasons why many cannot see and hear God's word.....

The evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. (JOHN 10:10)

They don't have deep roots; therefore, they don't last long.

They have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. The pressure is too much, therefore, they give up.

Their minds have been crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth.

So often God has shows me so many incorrect behaviors by the Christian mankind and how we excuse it as if we truly acknowledge what was said to us and yet many haven't caught on and are very deceived! You see it, you hear it, but many can't comprehend because they are not where you are and therefore, many are going the opposite direction. We must pray that God will open their eyes and ears to His righteousness.

We want to be recipients of verse **(23)**. Believing, understanding and acting out on those abundant blessings!

SCRIPTURE READING

JAMES 4:6

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There is nothing more sad than not knowing what you know.

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