

Life Lessons from the

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Parables of Jesus

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# Week One: What Kind of Dust/Dirt Are You?

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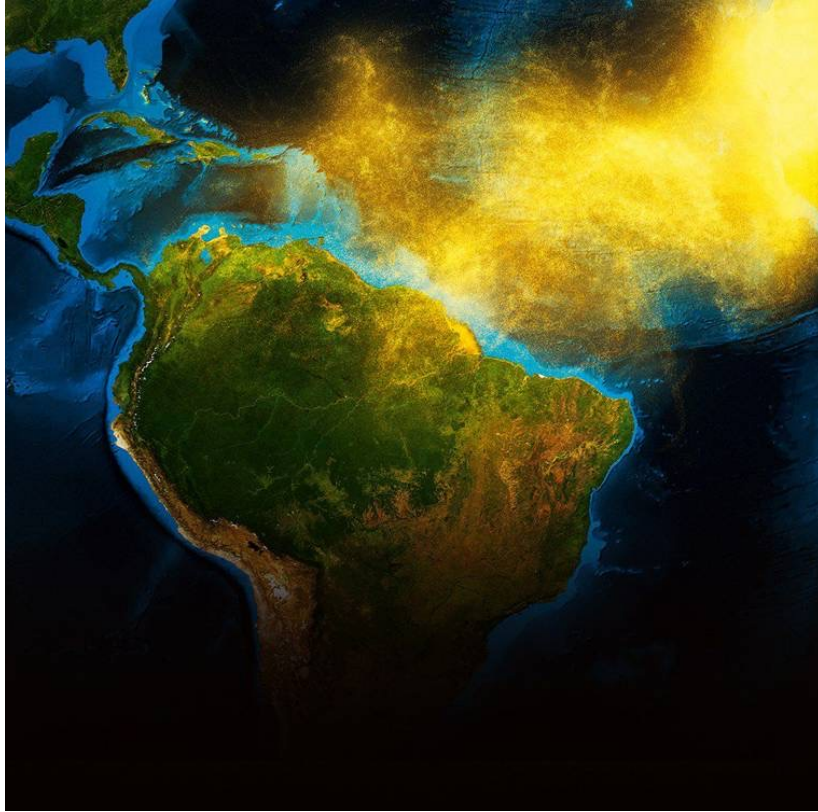
- Genesis 2:7
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## Genesis 2:7 NIV

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<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD God formed a man<sup>[a]</sup> from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.





## NASA TRACKS THE SAHARA DUST STORMS

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## Matthew 13:3-9 NIV

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<sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.”



## Matthew 13:18-23 NIV

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<sup>18</sup> “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

## Colossians 1:3-6 NIV

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<sup>3</sup> We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup> the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.



## 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

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<sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.



## Isaiah 55:10-11

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<sup>10</sup> For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

<sup>11</sup> So shall 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, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

# Life Lessons from the Parable

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The four different kinds of Soil

1. Soil sown along the path – the evil one comes and snatches it from their heart
2. Seed falling on rocky ground – someone who hears with joy, but doesn't take root; when trouble comes they fall away...
3. Seed falling among the thorns- hears the word, but the worries of this life and deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful
4. Good ground/soil



# Life Lessons from the Parables

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- The seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands the word and applies the word to their life.
- This person produces a crop yielding a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.

# Questions for Your Consideration

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- What kind of dust/dirt are you?
- What has been your commitment to studying the word of God on a regular basis?
- What has been your experience in applying the word of God to your life in this season?
- What shall be your commitment as we move forth in our study of God's word and the application to your life on a daily basis?