

clever devices of human thought to accomplish great things. The Word is like the little seed that can get in between the two great rocks of a wall and can grow and can split them apart. The power of the Word is the greatest power which God has established here in the earth, and we are told in the Old Testament that we are to sow beside all waters and that teaching is certainly also here in the parable of the sower. You don't find Christ saying here, "What a fool this sower was! Why did he waste precious seed putting it here on the wayside? Why did he waste precious seed throwing it down where all the thorns were going to come up? Why did he waste this valuable seed in putting it down here in the rocky soil? Why didn't he spend three-fourths of his time in studying the ground and picking out the good soil and the good places and then just put his seed there? Or why didn't he get to work for a few days and work the soil and prepare it and put it in shape to receive the Word? Perhaps from a viewpoint of agriculture that would have been a much more sensible thing to do, to prepare the soil first before you put the Word in, but the parable which the Lord gave us shows the sower going out and distributing his seed widespread. He is distributing it here and there so that it goes everywhere, and while we do not want, of course, to make a parable walk on all fours, I think, nevertheless, that it is the Lord's will that while we pay attention to these other things we should recognize that He desires that we seek a wide distribution of His Word. You do not know which is the good soil. You don't know which is the soil that has the rock underneath. You may pick out the fine looking, attractive soil as it looks to you and it has an inch of soil and a hard rock underneath. You may see the miserable, unattractive soil where you think nothing will grow and actually it may be the good soil that has the vitamins in it and that has all the things in it that will make it grow up wonderfully if only the seed is planted there. God does not want us to feel that we have made a mistake if we sow the Word and nothing comes. He wants us to recognize that He wants it sown everywhere and He will bring the result, and isn't it worth while if you sow it on a thousand places that are absolutely