

# Count your blessings...

*For the glory of God, and the spiritual edification of those who read these testimonies*

## The Wayside Seeds

In the parable of the sower who sowed seeds, Jesus tells of the seeds that fell on the wayside. Mark 4:4, *"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."* The gospel of Luke also mentions that the seeds were trodden under foot, before the fowls came to devour them.

All the four types of sown seeds are found in the church. The wayside seeds may not be immediately devoured or physically taken out of the church, but they can exist in the church, but be spiritually be in the world. Their minds have been eaten by satan, trodden down by the things of this world, the cares of this world, trodden down by bitter experiences and by people, so much so that our faith is almost gone, and we no longer want to be in the presence of God.

However, let us recognise when we come into this group of seeds, on the wayside. It is on the wayside that temptations are greater, trying to draw us further and further away from the presence of God. It was on the wayside that Judah committed fornication with his daughter-in-law. Gen 38:21, *"Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side?"*

It is on the wayside that the enemy has set traps for us to fall into, to capture our mind, distracting us from our vision of New Jerusalem and the voice of God. Psa 140:5, *"The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Seiah."*

In Matthew 20:30, we read of two blind men, who were blind and sitting by the wayside. *"And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David."* The devil had come and blinded their eyes and it was going to be a matter of time before satan comes to devour them on the wayside. Thankfully, Jesus met them there, and because they realised their state, they cried out for Jesus to restore their vision.

In the Gospel of Luke, we also read of a blind man who sat by the way side begging, on the way to Jericho. Luke 18:35, *"And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:"* Jericho is a cursed city, and indicates the backsliding nature of going back to sin, a spiritual slide going away from Jerusalem. However, this man was begging. He has lost all the blessings from being in Jerusalem. He had been reduced to nothing. This is where Jesus met him, and restored his vision.

Let us be watchful and vigilant so as to not come to this state in our spiritual lives. We should not be found in the wayside, begging, or blind, or waiting for satan to simply devour us through temptation.

These days, satan is trying so many means by which to draw children of God to the wayside, before they can take root in the solid ground of the apostles doctrine. Let us be grounded in our Lord Jesus, so that we cannot be tossed about with every wind of doctrine and be rooted out from these blessed truths God has given to us.