

Matthew 13:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Analysis

The description 'But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold' shows the successful response to God's word. 'Good ground' represents receptive hearts that receive, retain, and respond to the message. The varying yields (30, 60, 100-fold) demonstrate differing degrees of fruitfulness, not different salvation levels—all are saved, but fruitfulness varies. The key is fruit production, not fruitlessness.

Historical Context

Ancient Palestinian farming typically yielded 7-10 fold returns, making 30-100 fold harvests extraordinarily abundant. This hyperbolic language emphasizes the gospel's supernatural productivity when genuinely received. The varying yields show individual response differences.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What type of soil characterizes your heart's response to God's word?
2. What factors contribute to the difference between 30, 60, and 100-fold fruitfulness?

Interlinear Text

ἀλλὰ	δὲ	ἔπεσεν	ἐπὶ	τὴν	γῆν	τὴν	καλὴν	καὶ
other	But	fell	into	G3588	ground	G3588	good	and
G243	G1161	G4098	G1909		G1093		G2570	G2532
ἐδίδου	καρπὸν,	ὃ	μὲν	ἑκατόν,	ὃ	δὲ	ἑξήκοντα	
brought forth	fruit	G3739	some	an hundredfold	G3739	But	sixtyfold	
G1325	G2590		G3303	G1540		G1161	G1835	
ὃ	δὲ	τριάκοντα						
G3739	But	thirtyfold						
	G1161	G5144						

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 13:23 (Good): But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Luke 8:15 (Good): But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

John 15:8 (Parallel theme): Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Genesis 26:12 (Parallel theme): Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

Philippians 1:11 (Parallel theme): Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

