

good ground

"behold, a sower went out to sow. and as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth but when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. and some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. but others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. he who has ears to hear, let him hear!" matt 13:3-9

are you "good ground?" if not - "sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness on you." hos 10:12 the day is far spent and the night is at hand. in other words, there's no time to waste.

there's a song i love sung by dwite thompson. here is the main stanza and point of the song.

now is the time if you're gonna love Him  
now is the time if you're gonna serve Him  
let your song reach out just now  
let your heart, let it make the vow  
now is the time to serve the Lord

do you need to break up your fallow ground? has your heart laid idle for too long? perhaps you have allowed yourself to be diverted to another path. perhaps you just meant to set Him aside for awhile and now you find

yourself without any crop to harvest.

have you spent your share of life in meaningless pursuits and now you find yourself alone and lacking. consider again your Father and all you left behind. return and you will find His arms open and waiting.

time is indeed running out, but there may still be time to stash some treasure in heaven; time for good deeds and works to follow your faith. our Lord is merciful and kind and He has wages for those who show up late to the fields, willing to work. "and another book was opened, which is the book of life. and the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books." rev 20:12 we don't have to work for salvation. we work for rewards.