

Listen!

Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and *the birds* came and devoured it.



**The good seed of God's word for the congregation...
it meets the path**

**The Truth of Christ, of sin, of salvation goes into this person's
ear, rests atop the heart — never to enter it.**

Hearing, they do not hear.

Seeing, they do not see.

They never hear the Word enough to turn or be forgiven.

**Yet, the seed does not remain atop
the hardened path**

**— Jesus watches it get eaten by
birds.**

The sower sows the Word.

**And these are the ones along the path, where the
Word is sown:**

**when they hear, *Satan* immediately comes and takes
away the Word that is sown in them.**

**Many of us do not think of Satan much; yet Satan
thinks much of us.**

You and I might miss a Sunday sermon — Satan doesn't.

You and I might neglect feasting upon the Word — Satan won't.

The devil is the most regular and most attentive church attender.

**Satan does not feast for nourishment; Satan feasts so you won't,
that sinners might not find or continue with Christ.**

“The devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they *may not believe and be saved*”.

(Luke 8:12)

Paul calls it, “the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God”.

(2 Corinthians 4:4)

“Listen! Behold!” he began his sermon.

“Dismiss! Ignore!” is what the birds shriek.



There is always new life
trying to emerge in each
of us.

Too often we ignore the
signs of resurrection and
cling to parts of life that
have died for us.

-Sister Joan Chittister





