

**Thought for the day – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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**Parable and Paradox The Sower Matthew 13. 3-9**

I love your simple story of the sower  
With all its close attention to the soil  
Its movement from the knowledge to the sower,  
Its take on the tenacity of toil.  
I feel the fall of seed a sower scatters  
So equally available to all.  
Your story takes me straight to all that matters  
Yet understands the reasons why I fall.

Oh deepen where I am thin and shallow,  
Uproot in me the thistle and the thorn,  
That seizes on your seed to mock and scorn.  
Oh break me open, Jesus set me free,  
Then find and keep your own good ground in me.  
Malcolm Guite Canterbury Press

We are looking forward to looking at the sower in our Bible studies.