

Seeds Sown by Satan

A legend tells how a man once stumbled upon a great red barn after wandering for days in a dark, overgrown forest. He sought refuge from the howling winds of a storm that seemed to rage perpetually in the forest. As he let his eyes grow accustomed to the dark, to his astonishment he discovered that this was the barn where Satan kept his storehouse of seeds to be sown into human hearts.

More curious than fearful, he lit a match and began to explore the piles and bins of seeds around him. He couldn't help but notice that the containers labeled *seeds of discouragement* far outnumbered any other type of seed.

Just as the man had drawn this conclusion, one of Satan's foremost demons arrived to pick up a fresh supply of seed. The man asked him why the great abundance of discouragement seeds. The demon laughed, "Because they are so effective, and they take root so quickly!"

The man then asked, "Do they grow everywhere?"

At this, the demon became sullen. He glared at the man and admitted in disgust, "No. They never seem to thrive in the heart of a grateful person."

This is the week when families will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day. But we should be thankful for what we have today and every day, and trust the Lord to take care of what we don't have.

It is good to remember that the tea kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing.

--Beecher Hunter