



The Parable of the Popcorn

Based on the Parable of the Sower
(A faith challenge for each of us)

Behold, at the time of the harvest, the ears of corn did bring forth kernels which were dried and prepared for the popper's hand.

And then it was that the popper did take the kernels, all of which appeared alike unto him, and did apply the oil and heat. And it came to pass that when the heat was on, some did explode with promise and magnify themselves an hundred-fold, and some did burst forth with whiteness which did both gladden the eye and satisfy the taste of the popper. And likewise some others did pop but not too much.

But lo, there were some that did just lie there and even though the popper's heat was alike unto all, they did bask in the warmth of the oil and did keep all they had for themselves.

And so it came to pass that those which had given of themselves did bring joy and delight to many munchers, but those which kept of the warmth and did not burst forth were fit only to be cast into the pail and were thought of with hardness and disgust.

And thus we see that in the beginning that all appear alike, but when the heat is on, some come forth and give their all, while others fail to pop and become as chaff to be discarded and forgotten.