rather than another one which would not, or you may not. We have to
taudy into the particular situation to know whether we are gin giving the
right interpretation. Now this is true of buildings and institutions,
it is true of parables. A parable may x be chosen, may be selected
to give one very simple idea, and that is all there is in the parable.
And all the rest of the parable is simply to make th idea come to your atten
tion. Or it may be chosen with several elements having meaning. You
cannot say that only the main idea of a prxxpxp parable has menaing,
bx because txxmxixx in many of them mauch more has meaning. T

Take the parable of the sower. What does the parable of the sower
mean? Why, that as you go out to sow some of the seed is going to
bring fruit and some isn't. And therefore you need to be discouraged
and think that just because you don't lead this px person to the Lord,
your ministry is an utter failure. Surely that is the main meaning of'
the parable.of the sower. That if you spread the seed you are bound to
have some fruit, but you can't tell where the fruit is going to be.
That is the main meaing. And that is xxg sufficient meaning. And there
is many a parable that has just as much detail as the sower, but they
may have no more meaning than that. But in the case of the sower,
the Lord has interpreted to us a good deal more than that, and has
given it to us, that in connection with the sower there is a meaning
to many other passages of Scripture. \ parable may have one simple
thought, it may have simple thought and several incidental thoughts.
x We know the central thought of the parable is meant, or it wouldn't
be there. Now, as to the other khxgx thoughts,/the New Testament
explicitly states what they are we can dogmatically say what the seed
means is the Word. We can dogmatically say it. But if it weren't ex
plained, we couldn't speak dogmatically about it, but we could raise
the question, does this illustrate this pxxtixxxtx particular sort of
tt thing. We should raise the question, and if we find that there is
similarity we can say, here is a good illustration. Now, is it a