

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

The gospel of the Kingdom is the gospel that Jesus preached. The bible is a concealed revelation, in order to understand it; the Holy Spirit sent to teach us must open up our spiritual eyes. The Holy Spirit is the teacher. God has set certain ministries in the Church that the Holy Spirit will use, until we come to maturity where we are led by the Spirit and can hear His Voice.

We are to live by every Word the Holy Spirit reveals to us, As the Holy Spirit opens our eyes and we hear what God is saying to us, we have to hold fast that word by meditating on it and practicing it until it is written upon our heart and becomes our nature, how we respond in life.

When God speaks a Word he imparts himself in that word, as it is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit an understanding comes to us, that we did not have before, it is as if a light comes on, and it penetrates us deeply where we know it is God, because we experience Him in it.

When the word is written upon our heart it becomes the way we respond, it becomes second nature, we become programmed by it, but it is from the heart, where we experience the spirit of the word, we experience God's thinking and feelings, His attitudes and motivations, which are on a higher level than human nature.

Unless we experience the word, we have not really heard the word but we are leaning upon our own understanding. Hearing the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God coming into our hearts, where we experience His mind and feelings.

When the word is written upon our heart we manifest the Spirit of God, the divine nature, the fruit of God's Spirit, we manifest Jesus Christ. When the Word is written upon our heart, then His divine attributes- His Spirit moving in our hearts, is governing our motivations, thinking, feelings, attitudes, words and actions. The fruit of His Spirit grows in our lives and keeps expanding. We experience greater love, joy, and peace.

Jesus is coming forth in His people to be glorified in them, to be formed in them. Until the living word has come to maturity in a believer, that believer will manifest the human nature to a certain degree or a religious spirit that is critical or judgmental, or full of pride.

Most believers do not have a walk in the Spirit of God, but manifest the self-nature, which is operating on a soulish level. You can discern it in their voice, it is like soul-music, it is very emotional but these emotions do not originate with the Holy Spirit but come from the self-nature. The word they speak is not releasing the Spirit of God but exalting the self-nature.

Most of the church is still in the infant state, but God has a remnant that is coming to maturity, in which Jesus Christ will be manifest in them.

To understand correctly the word of God we need to start with the teachings of Jesus recorded in the gospels and build our foundation from there.

The parable of the sower is a foundational parable because it explains to us the mystery of Christ in us the hope of Glory (being transformed into His image).

Jesus spoke to the multitudes in a parable, and then the disciples came to Him privately and asked Him to explain it. *Mark 4: ¹³And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? And (implying increase) how (in what manner, by what means) then will ye know all parables?*

This parable is foundational to understanding the rest of the mystery, of how God's will comes forth in our lives.

Math13: ¹⁹When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth (to put the puzzle together) it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away (snatches away) that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side (hard heart).

Luke8: ¹²Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away (remove) the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved (made whole, preserve safe from danger, loss, destruction).

There are four types of hearts-only one kind of heart will allow the incorruptible seed of God to produce a full grown son of God! The first type of heart, we have all experienced at one time or another. It is experiencing a hard heart, but our goal is to experience an honest and good heart, to experience the pure heart that sees God.

The first type of heart (is a hard heart) the word (seed) is removed out of the heart, because there is no understanding. The first type of hearer of the word of the kingdom is a person who hears the word but it does not penetrate (enter) the heart. Their spirit is not made alive to God.

Math13: ¹³Therefore speak I to them in parables (comparison, full of hidden meaning): because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

Hearing they hear not. This is talking about the multitudes that are coming to hear Jesus. They are blind because they do not have ears to hear and eyes to see, this kind of person goes to church. It is true that some people do not want to hear someone talking about the bible, but these are people who have gathered together to hear what Jesus had to say.

The Spirit of God has to remove the veil that is upon the heart. The God of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of those who believe not. This is not a human faith, but God commanding light to shine in the heart-impacting His faith. It is a gift from God; it is called being once enlightened. It is the God given ability to accept what His Spirit reveals. It is the beginning of understanding the mystery.

The opening of our spiritual eyes is the beginning of salvation, it is a spiritual experience that happens to us when the Spirit of God is drawing us to Himself and we say yes to His will for our life.

When God opens our spiritual eyes, so that we can hear his voice, in the hearing we are receiving His spirit into our heart. This is a spiritual experience that is being taught as the new birth, but what is in reality is the conception of the seed of God in the human heart. The word of God is conceived in our spirit. In one sense the spirit is saved, but the word has to grow until the soul is saved where the fruit of Gods life is birthed in it, the formation of the word in the heart.

Our heart consists of our spirit and soul. When our soul comes into conformity to our enlightened spirit, then there is fruit-Jesus is manifest in our life. This is the new birth; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. If there is any good that people see in our life, it is the Spirit of God in us who is motivating and controlling us because we are fully yielded to Him. We give Him all the glory!

When the bible talks about fruit it is talking about the soul of man. The salvation of the soul is a hidden mystery that is clearly taught in the bible, and is now beginning to be restored to the Church. The reason it has not been understood is because there has been no clear teaching on the difference between the spirit and the soul. Believers have not been able to tell the difference between their spirit and their soul.

Math13: ⁵Some (same kind of seed) *fell upon stony places* (stony soil, rock underneath), *where they had not much earth* (vegetative power): *and forthwith* (instantly) *they sprung up, because they had no deepness* (extending downward, the searching of the Holy Spirit) *of earth: ⁶And when the sun was up , they were scorched* (to burn, the fire of testing); *and because they had no root* (no firm hold), *they withered away* (to weaken, to dry up).

Math13: ²⁰But he that received the seed into stony places (rock underneath, they can see only the external blessing and not the cost), *the same is he that heareth the word, and anon* (immediately) *with joy* (imparted by the Spirits influence, the quickening of our spirit) *receiveth it; ²¹Yet hath he not root* (no firm hold, our spirit must absorb the word) *in himself, but endureth for a while* (saved for a season): *for when tribulation* (trouble, pressure) *or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by* (immediately)*he is offended* (to cause to stumble and fall, entice to sin, or displeasure, make to offend).

Luke8: ¹³They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive (to receive in order to embrace and follow)*the word with joy* (the influence of the Spirit); *and these have no root* (anchor, no firm hold, the part that absorbs, getting and retaining in the heart), *which for a while* (season) *believe, and in time* (season) *of temptation* (state of trial, testing of character)*fall away* (be removed from the place of standing).

To be separated from the word. In times of testing we either hold fast the word or the word is separated from our responses. We respond in self, or we respond in the spirit of the word.

The second type of heart is a person who hears the word and understands it. These are the ones who have received Jesus as their Savior and God opens their eyes and ears and they experience the joy of the Lord. Their spirit has been enlightened. The seed of God has been conceived in the heart.

This type of heart is called stony places-WHERE-there is not much earth (vegetative power)-the seed of God is not able to take root, where it is written upon the heart. There is rock underneath; they can only see the blessings of being in the kingdom, but not the cost.

When the fire of testing comes (pressure) they fall into sin, they give in to the flesh, they get offended. This type of heart wants to serve God, but there is no power-the law of the spirit of life is not able to work. This type of person is able to hear God; faith has come but does not work because they have never died to self.

Psalm 119: ¹³⁰The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

The human heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. When the word is conceived in the heart, there is still a lot of deceit and wickedness in it, the heart has to be purified, delivered, healed, renewed, restored, and made whole and healthy. The heart has to be circumcised; the word of God has to be written upon it.

The seed of God conceived in the spirit is divine, but it is surrounded by an outer shell called the soul that must die, in order for the life of God in the seed to break through it and produce fruit.

The seed is pure gold, but it is surrounded by the human element that has to be refined by fire.

The fire or pressure reveals what is in the human heart, when we are under testing if we learn how to hold fast the word, by abiding in the spirit, our soul will be transformed.

Math13: ²²He also that received seed among the thorns (something that pricks) is he that heareth the word; and the care (that which brings disruption to the personality and mind, to draw in different directions, to distract-that which causes this) of this world, and the deceitfulness (delusion) of riches (material goods), choke (overpower, suffocate) the word, and he becometh unfruitful (bearing no fruit, or bad fruit, not to bear to perfection or ripeness as the seed does the fruit).

Luke8: ¹⁴And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth (begin to walk with God), and are choked (strangle completely, drown, crowd) with cares (distractions) and riches (possessions, valuables, source of power-influence) and pleasures (sensual delight) of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection (to bear to perfection or ripeness as the seed does the fruit).

The third type of heart is a person who receives Jesus as their Savior, and God opens their eyes so that they receive an understanding. But there are thorns in the heart. The cares of this life entering into the heart choke the word and it brings no fruit to perfection. A thorn abounds with pricks-something that pierces the heart. The cares of this

life enter into the heart. A care is an anxiety, which brings disruption to the personality and the mind. These are distractions causing us to be drawn in different directions. The cares of this life, deceitfulness of riches and desires for other things enter in and choke the word. To choke means to overpower, to suffocate. There is a lack of air, (the atmosphere of the presence of God).The word does not have ascendancy in the heart but other things take priority.

The seed of God produces a son of God, in the atmosphere of the presence of God. The seed bears fruit to perfection. This is the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus. As we learn to abide-live in the kingdom (the atmosphere of His Lordship-Presence) the seed grows to maturity. An apple seed will produce a perfect apple in the perfect environment. A good tree will produce good fruit. A tree in the bible is a type of a person.

Thorns are anything that takes ascendancy over the Word of God being first place in our heart; it is a form of idolatry. If we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, God adds the other things to our life. But if we seek first the other things, we lose our soul. Our soul becomes tied to other things, and Jesus is not formed in it.

This type of heart begins to walk with God and then they get off course. We can see this in ministries, they start off being full of the Spirit, allowing the Spirit to speak through them, and then their focus is not on “what is the Spirit saying”, but speak from a soul that is not pure, but is influenced by the spirit of this world. A part of their soul is deceived, they are not dead to self, their soul is not transformed, they do not bear the fruit that remains-(the nature of Jesus Christ) and they do not represent him accurately.

Luke8: ¹⁵But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest (beautiful, valuable for use, the attitude which is right before God)and

good (character energized by the life of God, responding to it, and acting on it, acts beneficially towards others) *heart, having heard the word, keep it* (intensity-possession, absorbs, retains, to take possession, seize it, keep it in conscious possession, to occupy a place-spiritual condition, *and bring forth fruit* (to bring forth the Christian graces, divine nature, living works) *with patience* (maintaining a right spirit, endurance, consistency, patient continuance, quality of spirit that keeps us from giving into temptation, suffering with a tranquil mind, bearing up under, staying strong through the test.