

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 8:1-15

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"IS THIS YOUR HEART?" - PART 1

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Luke 8:4-10

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a **parable**: **5** "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. **6** Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. **7** And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. **8** But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" **:9** Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" **:10** And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that '*Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.*'

:11 "*Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.* **12** Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. **13** But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. **14** Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. **15** But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

Background to These Events...

Luke 8:1-4

Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through ***every city and village, preaching and bringing*** the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And ***the twelve*** were with Him, 2 and ***certain women*** who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, (of Magdala) out of whom had come seven demons, 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward (accountant) , and Susanna, and ***many others*** who ***provided*** for Him from their ***substance***. (support via funds and items) **:4** And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable:

Here is The Anatomy of an Outreach

we've got people who have been changed by the ministry of the gospel.

in turn, they reinvest in What and Whom

has changed their lives = the gospel. because of grateful hearts, they cannot sit idle, they must contribute to the effort!

Amazingly;

The Lord Includes Us in His Ministry of Reaching the World for The Gospel.

As Christians,

We become either Senders or Goers in The Gospel.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good *things*, Who proclaims salvation,

Jesus, is Now Expanding the Reach and Scope of Ministry.

In The Face of Increased Resistance, - Jesus Steps It Up
If The Gospel is Being Opposed, - Jesus Cries The Louder

The Presentation of The Gospel,

The Good News is What Every Single Believer is to Be Involved in.

1. To **Give** The World the Opportunity to Respond
2. To **Show** The World that The Lord Changes Lives
3. And To **Warn** Them That Sin Has Polluted the Human Race.

At Disneyland, There Are Those Signs That Say;
"If You Have a Back or Heart Condition..."

Church, Be Aware of the Fact that;

*The Parable Jesus is About to Present,
literally reveals the heart condition of a person who hears the message of salvation -
the Bible does that!!!*

Let's Get Into This Study of God's Word

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IS THIS YOUR HEART?

1.) *Is it the one that's over there?* v.11-12a

*"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear...*

1a.) *Because a distant heart - can only hear* v.12

What Was The Wayside?

the wayside was the path that connect two fields.
it was the trial for common foot traffic.

this *Wayside* is a Hardened Heart & Mind,

The Wayside is That Soil That Has Become Hardened
because of being trodden down, beaten or impacted by use.

Callous, Used, Without Feeling

hardened to the things of God over years of hearing but
refusing,
eventually - the concrete sets!

The Seed is The Bible, God's Word.
The Sower, Is Jesus Himself.

Today, Now - The Word, Is Our Ministry
The Sower, Becomes Every Believer Involved in the Ministry of the Word.

What's happening on this campus right now?
The Youth Ministry is Sowing Seed...
The Children's Ministry is Sowing Seed...

Matthew 19:14

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not,
to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Give The Children My Word, = Sow My Hope in Them
Give The Children My Word, = Sow My Love in Them
Give The Children My Word, = Sow My Will in Them

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

1b.) *Because a distant heart - looks on from afar* v.12

The Wayside Heart Can Ask The Questions,
But It's Not Interested in The Answers!

2 Timothy 3:7

these are always learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Like a 'Lifetime" Student, - but unemployed

1c.) *Because a distant heart - misses opportunities* v.12

This Heart Winds Up *Watching* Things Go By

I talked to a young couple yesterday
"They're In Love and Had Questions"

I Figured We'd Wait and Get Better Jobs... sounds good
I Figured We'd Wait and Get a House First... that sounds good
I Figured We'd Wait and Build Up a Savings... that sounds good too

IS THIS YOUR HEART?

2.) *It can only remember the things of God* v.11-12b

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
12b ...then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts,

2a.) *Because it was robbed from the beginning* v.12b

Jesus Says;
...then the devil comes!

Jesus Christ Confirms That Satan, The Devil Exists.
That He is a Spiritual Creature with Personal Attributes

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

I Have This Question to Ask Your Heart.

"Heart, do you remember being glad to hear the message,
but now it's really something that just didn't work for you?"

Hebrews 6:4-8

For it is impossible to restore to repentance those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, :**5** who have **tasted** the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come— :**6** and who then **turn away** from God. It is impossible to bring such people to repentance again because they are nailing the Son of God to the cross again by **rejecting** him, holding him up to public shame. :**7** When the ground soaks up the rain that falls on it and bears a good crop for the farmer, it has the blessing of God. :**8** But if a field bears thistles and thorns, it is useless. The farmer will condemn that field and burn it.

2b.) *Because it never really had a start* v.12

and the devil comes and takes away
the word out of their hearts,

having only tasted, sipped, not mixed with faith

Hebrews 4:1-2

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. **2** For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*.

IT CAN ONLY REMEMBER THE THINGS OF GOD?

2c.) Because it concluded that "God" wasn't necessary v.12

IS THIS YOUR HEART?

3.) That it once refused to accept Jesus Christ v.11-12c

*"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
12c ... Lest they should believe and be saved.*

3a.) To believe in something else v.12

Lest they should *believe*,

Believe grk pisteu/w pisteuo, *pist-yoo'-o*; to entrust your care to, to commit to another, to have faith in, dependance upon, hope in.

3b.) To find meaning in someone else v.12

...believe, and be *saved*.

Saved grk SWJZW sozo, *sode'-zo*; to be delivered or rescued from a curse or plague, to be plucked or pick up out of certain death. or protect. to heal and to restore.

"IS THERE HOPE FOR ME?" // "CAN I COME BACK TO JESUS?"
LISTEN? GOD'S EAR IS BENT, LISTENING, WAITING...

We Need Rescuing Friend

Jeremiah 4:3

"Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns.

Hosea 10:12

Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For *it is* time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

Regarding the Use of a Parable, Jesus Says in Matthew 13:12

For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. **13** Therefore I speak to them in parables,

Listen, So very Carefully Friend,

*a parable is the presentation of truth in its **easiest** and **simplest** form.*

But, to a human heart that is not open to the **simple** truth of God, that person will stumble at the easiest **invitation** of it.

so then, a parable exposes
your heart to you!

If a person continues to refuse and reject God's message,
that which is so **simple** that a little child can understand it,
cannot, will not, be understood by the **smartest** of people.

Isaiah 6:1-0

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. **2** Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!" **4** And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. **:5** So I said: "Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." **:6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

7 And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." **:8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here *am* I! Send me." **:9** And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' **10** "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner** of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

discerner grk kritikO/Β kritikos, *krit-ee-kos* ; the critic, the revealer, the discriminator.

I Am **Pleading** with You, **Inviting** You, I Am **Asking** You,
can you hear **anything** of God again?
Is There **Anything** There in Your Heart?

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

As God's partners, we beg you not to reject this marvelous message of God's great kindness. :2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, God is ready to help you right now. Today is the day of salvation.

————— *End of Study* —————