

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 8:1-15

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IS THIS YOUR HEART? – PART 3

*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.

**There is a Direct Correlation Between
Two Other Key Passages of Scripture Found in The Bible...**

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the **flesh**, the lust of the **eyes**, and the pride of **life**—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Genesis 3:1-6

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" :2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die." :4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." :6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

IS THIS YOUR HEART?

1.) *A Heart Choked with Cares?*

v. 7,14

According to the Lord, The God of the Bible;

Luke 8:14a

Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with **cares**...

1 John 2:16a

For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the **flesh**,

Genesis 3:6a

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,

 **Choked** grk 638. ajpopni+gw apopnigo, *ap-op-nee´-go*; from 575 and 4155; to stifle (by drowning or overgrowth): — choke.

 **Cares** grk 3308. me+rimna merimna, *mer´-im-nah*; from 3307 (through the idea of distraction); solicitude: — care.

 **Perfection** grk 5052. telesfore+w telesphoreo, *tel-es-for-eh´-o*; from a compound of 5056 and 5342; to be a bearer to completion (maturity), i.e., to ripen fruit (figuratively): — bring fruit to perfection.

A HEART CHOKED WITH CARES?

1a.) *The Cares of Comfort (seeking satisfaction) v.14a*

**Weren't Adam and Eve Satisfied? - yes!
But Satan introduces Doubt, - - and a battle begins in her mind**

Luke 12:15-21

And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." :16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, "What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?" 18 So he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry." 20 But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?" :21 "So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

A HEART CHOKED WITH CARES?

1b.) The Cares of Approval (seeking belonging)

v.14a

**Weren't Adam and Eve Approved of? - yes!
But Satan introduces Doubt, - - and a battle begins in her mind**

Luke 10:38-42

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." :41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

A HEART CHOKED WITH CARES?

1c.) The Cares of Security (seeking independence) v.14a

**Weren't Adam and Eve Secure? - yes!
But Satan introduces Doubt, - - and a battle begins in her mind**

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who **eagerly wait** for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

IS THIS YOUR HEART?

2.) A Heart Choked with Riches?

v. 7,14

According to the Lord, The God of the Bible;

Luke 8:14b

Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with **riches**...

1 John 2:16b

16 For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the **eyes**,

Genesis 3:6b

So when the woman saw that it was **pleasant** to the eyes

 **Choked** grk 638. ajpopni+gw apopnigo, *ap-op-nee'-go*; from 575 and 4155; to stifle (by drowning or overgrowth): — choke.

 **Riches** grk 4149. plouvtos ploutos, *ploo'-tos*; from the base of 4130; wealth (as fulness), i.e. (literally) money, possessions, or (figuratively) abundance, richness, (specially), valuable bestowment: — riches.

 **Perfection** grk 5052. telesfore+w telesphoreo, *tel-es-for-eh'-o*; from a compound of 5056 and 5342; to be a bearer to completion (maturity), i.e., to ripen fruit (figuratively): — bring fruit to perfection.

A HEART CHOKED WITH RICHES?

2a.) The Riches That We Have (our stuff now)

v.14b

**Didn't Adam and Eve Have Things? - yes!
But Satan introduces Doubt, - - and a battle begins in her mind**

Romans 2:4

do not despise the **riches** of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the **goodness of God** leads you to repentance?

A HEART CHOKED WITH RICHES?

2b.) *The Riches That We Pursue (our stuff tomorrow)* v.14b

**Didn't Adam and Eve Have the Things of Tomorrow? - yes!
But Satan introduces Doubt, - - and a battle begins in her mind**

Matthew 6:25-34

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? :26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? :27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? :28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; :29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. :30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith? :31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" :32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. :33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. :34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

2c.) *The Riches That We Desire (at the end)* v.14b

**Didn't Adam and Eve Have the Things of Forever? - yes!
But Satan introduces Doubt, - - and a battle begins in her mind**

Matthew 6:20-21

but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. :21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

IS THIS YOUR HEART?

3.) *A Heart Choked with Pleasures?* v. 7,14

According to the Lord, The God of the Bible;

Luke 8:14c

Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with the **pleasures** of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

1 John 2:16c

16 For all that *is* in the world—the pride of **life**

Genesis 3:6c

that was desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate.

 **Choked** grk 638. ajpopni+gw apopnigo, *ap-op-nee´-go*; from 575 and 4155; to stifle (by drowning or overgrowth): — choke.

 **Pleasures** grk 2237. hJdonh/ hedone, *hay-don-ay´*; from aJnda;nw handano (to please); sensual delight; by implication, desire: — lust, pleasure.

 **Perfection** grk 5052. telesfore+w telesphoreo, *tel-es-for-eh´-o*; from a compound of 5056 and 5342; to be a bearer to completion (maturity), i.e., to ripen fruit (figuratively): — bring fruit to perfection.

A HEART CHOKED WITH PLEASURES?

3a.) The Pleasures of Appearance (the focal point) v.14c

To unveil yourself to others, to announce your arrival, in the world...

1 Peter 5:5

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for
“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

3b.) The Pleasures of Possessions (the display) v.14c

To put on display, to show off, to enthrone, to be visible in the world ...

James 4:1

Come now, *you* rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon *you!* **2** Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. **3** Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.

A HEART CHOKED WITH PLEASURES?

3c.) The Pleasures of Pride (the place)

v.14

To Make a Name for Yourself, to Stake Your Claim
in the world...

Daniel 4:30

The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?" **31** While the word *was still* in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!"

**Sometimes, The Lord, in Love, Has to
Remove Our Little Kingdoms from Us...**

End of Study