

Matthew 13:3-23

And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear." And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; For the heart of this people has become dull, With their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

1. The Revelation Of Who You Are Determines What You Do.

Let each one produce what GOD has created them to produce.

Your understanding of your Position and Identity clarifies your work. Your Identity produces the right work. Your identity determines the right mentality for the activity.

The thing that is being done must be consistent with the mentality of the one producing the action.

Operate within your call. Be consistent with your identity, do not go outside your own identity.

Don't labour wrong. You will lose the power to produce action.

In knowing who you are - you determine what you will do!

We produce action in honest revelation of who we are. We don't produce action hoping to be someone we are not.

We are not worshippers because we produce acts of worship. We worship because we are worshippers.

The understanding of our call and our identity accelerates action. The mentality for right corresponding work will be within us.

2. The Revelation That GOD Is At Work Reduces Stress And A Pursuit To Determine Success.

We must trust the process of God's law over which we have no direct control.

Total abandonment to the faithfulness and dealings of God to judge the matter.

The total rest and confidence in the process of His Grace outworking itself in results.

The patience to have God do it in His way. The ability to trust God for the ultimate result.

The confidence to do your best and leave the rest to God. Serving God with a clear conscience.

Beware of the fear of failure, it could force us to establish lines of control to determine success is assured.

We can become powerful without owning or determining the results.

God will give the increase.

God will watch over the seed sown, because He is the Lord of the Harvest.

3. The Revelation Of The Condition Of The Hearts Allows For An Accurate Way Of Ministry.

The sower can make adequate preparations to the soil so that it yields a better harvest.

Knowing the condition of the soil in which the seed is sown can be useful.

By removing the obstacles in these soils, the sower can ensure deeper roots and a healthier condition and environment for the seed to survive and bring forth a harvest.

The sower must work on the condition of the soil as he knows the valuable seed will require a certain type of soil condition. The valuable seed can be sown in any soil condition, but the degree of fruitfulness and yield will be different. The sower should also determine the condition of the soil into which he is sowing, so that what is precious is not set before swine. The sower who has selected the seeds must also be selective in the ground he will sow those seeds in order to get maximum results.

4. The Revelation of the Word Exposes the The Condition of the Heart.

The revelation of the condition of the heart helps remove mixture from the kingdom (separates the righteous from the unrighteous).

- The sower uses his seed to evaluate and expose the conditions of the soil.

Deception is arrested.

Deliverance is complete.

The Word is going to divide the righteous from the unrighteous.

The Word will expose the condition of every heart by bringing the yield of harvest, we have let it bring forth.

The fault is not in the seed word, but the fault is in the condition of the hearts and the result will be dependent on the attitude to the seed word heard and received.

God is sending forth His Word to divide the soul and the spirit, judging the intentions of the human heart (**Heb. 4 :12**). *"Today when you hear His voice - do not harden your hearts." - (Hebrews 4:7).*

The Word will expose the true condition of the human heart. It will expose every speculation and lofty thing hidden in your mind against God. These strongholds are exposed so that it can be torn down (**2 Corinthians 10: 3-6**).

The true condition of hearts are not revealed until the Dabar word goes out to them.

The entrance of Your Word brings forth light (**Psalms 119:130; Psalm 97:11**). The power of deception and the blind spots of our lives are removed, when the Word comes to us.

5. The Revelation of the Word Will Prove the Hearts and Help Them PREVAIL.

- The sower must understand that the seed sown will bring the people into conflict with both their hearts and their environment.

The seed sown into their hearts will expose them to their own true condition as well as put them in the frontlines of demonic attacks.

They will come into conflict first with themselves. Their conscience will prick them for delayed obedience and disobedience.

They will come into conflict with the powers of the air who will attack, to steal the seed they have heard and received.

The enemy will engineer circumstances and situations to choke and destroy the Word that has been sent into their hearts.

Persecution will arise because of the Word. The worry of the world and the deceitfulness of riches will attack to choke the word to prevent it from bearing fruit.

The seed must become a tree and the tree will have fruits. The inability to yield to the process of fruit bearing causes a lot of suffering in the heart of the heavens.

6. The Revelation of the Word is Outworked Accurately In Those Who Are Mature.

The sower understands that there are different levels of maturity, even in the good soil, knowing only the best will yield a hundred fold. Though the soil was generally good, the quality of the yield from each portion of ground determined it's fertility. The hundred fold came because the ground was at it's maximum quality.

The Word of the Kingdom is consistent, but the results, even on the good soil, varies because of who or how mature the person is who receives it.

This is the man (**Matthew 13:19- 20, 22-23**).

The young man will bring it to 60-fold and the child 30-fold. The 30-fold represents bearing fruit, the 60-fold represents bearing more fruit and the 100-fold represents bearing much fruit (**John 15:2, 5**).

7. The Revelation of the Word Must be Properly Transacted Within Our Hearts for Maximum Yield.

The sower can train the people to hear accurately so that they can increase their yield. There is a blessing that comes by hearing accurately as it will result in you being healed and restored in God (**Matthew 13:15-16**).

The spiritual ability to connect to the frequencies of the Word of the kingdom will release the favour of God upon your life. What others long to come into, will become your portion when you become flexible to His stirrings and vibrations. If the people take heed to what they hear and be careful to how they hear (**Mark 4:24, Luke 8:18**), then God will measure for them more, because of their openness and yieldedness.

They must not interact wrongly at the time of their hearing. The response at the time of the utterance will release grace for obedience and fruitfulness.

Take the 7 points, read through each sub-section and let us examine our heart's, so as to become more effective in our walk with GOD.

May this Word teaching be inspirational during this time to us all.