

Four Operations of the Word

Mark 4:3-13, 20, 30-32

3 Hearken; Behold, **there went out a sower to sow:**

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them, **Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God:** but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

13 And **he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?**

20 And these are they which are **sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it,** and **bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.**

30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken **the kingdom of God?** or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 It is like **a grain of mustard seed,** which, when it is sown in the earth, **is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:**

32 But when it is sown, **it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches;** so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

❖ **Luke 8:11** Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**

❖ **Matthew 13:19** When any one **heareth the word of the kingdom,** and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart...

HEAR THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM

Matthew 13:23

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that **heareth the word...**

Mark 4:20

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; **such as hear the word...**

Luke 8:15

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, **having heard the word...**

❖ **Isaiah 55:11**

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

❖ **Psalms 107:20**

20 **He sent his word,** and **healed them,** and **delivered them** from their destructions.

UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM

Matthew 13:23

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

- ❖ Mark 4:11
He said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God...
- ❖ Ephesians 1:17-18
17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:
18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

HEAR THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM AND RECEIVE IT

Mark 4:20

And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

- ❖ John 16:13-15
13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
- ❖ Mark 11:24
24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
- ❖ Matthew 13:19
19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

HEAR THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM AND KEEP IT

Luke 8:15

But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Mark 4:15, 17, 19

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Luke 8:18

18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Matthew 13:12

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.