

THE MYSTERY OF KEEPING THE WORD

Mark 4:3-8

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

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.

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?**

14 The sower soweth the word.

❖ Matthew 13:19, 23

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...

23 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 4:20

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.

❖ Luke 8:15

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

PROMISES TO THOSE WHO KEEP THE WORD - "PROMISE KEEPERS"

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and **my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Matthew 13:12

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.

1 John 2:5

Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

Revelation 3:7-8, 10-11

7 And to the angel of **the church in Philadelphia** write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, **he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;**

8 I know thy works: behold, **I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it:** for thou hast a little strength, and **hast kept my word**, and hast not denied my name.

10 **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world**, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast which thou hast**, that no man take thy crown.

Proverbs 4:20-23

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; **keep them in the midst of thine heart.**

22 **For they are life unto those that find them**, and health to all their flesh.

23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.**

3 OPERATIONS OF KEEPING HIS WORD

Mark 4:20-23

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.

21 And he said unto them, **Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?**

22 **For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was anything kept secret, but that it should come abroad.**

23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

❖ Proverbs 20:27

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

❖ Psalms 119:130

The **entrance of thy words giveth light...**

Hebrews 4:9-13

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also **hath ceased from his own works**, as God did from his.

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

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

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but **all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.**

Matthew 3:11-12

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

12 **Whose fan (winnowing fork) is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his (threshing) floor,** and gather his wheat into the garner; but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

Jeremiah 23:28-29

28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

29 **Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD;** and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Malachi 3:1-3

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? **for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:**

3 And **he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver,** that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 **(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)**

5 **Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God,** and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

- ❖ **Strongholds** - Systems of thoughts empowered by emotions, that produce actions, reactions and behavior patterns that are contrary to the knowledge of Christ in you, to you and through you.

THE MULTIFACETED OPERATIONS OF THE ENGRAFTED WORD

The Anchor

The Searchlight

Two-edged Sword / Winnowing Fork

The Fire

The Spoken Word

Word of Power

Word of Evangelism

Word of Deliverance

Washing of the Water of the Word

It's not the removing of flesh that we focus on, it's the activation of the Sword