

## The Kingdom of Heaven part 5 handout

# The Kingdom of Heaven is like seeds sown in our hearts

Matthew 13:24 (NKJV)

### 1. Kingdom power is released through faith in the words of the King.

Matthew 8:5-13 (NKJV)

- A. Jesus marveled at the centurion's faith in His Word.
- B. We must read the Bible as words spoken to us by the King of the Kingdom of Heaven. Don't read the Bible like a history book, or story book.
- C. The kingdom of Heaven develops in our hearts through a process. A process similar to sowing seed in the ground and cultivating it, until it produces a harvest in our fields.
- D. The seed is God's Word that produces faith. The ground is on the inside - our hearts, and the field is on the outside - our lives in the natural realm.
- E. The kingdom of heaven comes from the seeds of God's Word. The seeds must sown, and cultivated daily.
- F. We do that by reading, studying and meditating upon the Word. Joshua 1:6-8 (NKJV)
- G. God has been using His Word to accomplish His will long before the coming of Christ.
- H. Have you ever suffered because of other unbelieving believers?
- I. Have you ever wondered when someone you really admired in the faith fell away from God; "If they couldn't make it, how can I expect to make it?"
- J. Joshua had been going through an identity transformation. Numbers 13:8 & 16 (NKJV)
- K. Moses wanted Joshua to look to God.
- L. Joshua was instructed not just to read God's Word, but to read it expecting to do what it says.
- M. He was programming his mouth to speak from the Word in his heart.
- N. God's Word sown in his heart, visualized through meditation cultivation would direct his steps and make way to his God given destiny.
- O. Notice God wasn't making Joshua prosperous and successful.
- P. God's Word made Joshua a fearless, courageous commander of God's army! Joshua 1:10 (NKJV)

### 2. Stealing the Word stops the Kingdom from coming through you. Matthew 13:18-19 (NKJV)

- A. He does that so He can stop or hinder the Kingdom of heaven from coming into your life. Matthew 13:20-23 (NKJV)

**B. He does that through neglect, misunderstanding, persecution, offenses that can harden areas of our hearts.**

**C. The enemy does that so that the seed won't grow roots.** Too many Christians lack being rooted and grounded in the Word.

**D. We must build a solid foundation in our hearts first.** That foundation in God's Word includes both the kingly and priestly truths and attributes. **Hebrews 5:9-14 (NKJV)**

**E. It's important to note that this epistle is addressing Jewish believers.**

**F. They had become dull of hearing because they "knew the Word."**

**G. A solid foundation in God's Word isn't just the Word heard but the Word of full age.** **Hebrews 6:1-3 (NKJV)**

**H. The enemy tries to distract us with day to day cares and selfish pursuits that compete for our attention and resources.**

### **3. The harvest of the seed is determined by the condition of your heart.**

**A. It's not determined by the condition of the seed, but the condition of the heart.**

**B. The return (Thirty, sixty and a one-hundred fold) reflects the condition of the heart.** **Proverbs 4:20-23 (NKJV)**

**C. The heart is the place where faith is developed.** It's also the place where fear, doubt, unbelief and sin are developed. **Romans 10:10 (NKJV)**

**D. King David knew the power of putting God's Word in his heart.** **Psalm 119:9-11 (NKJV)**

**E. Impurities of the heart make us double minded.** We vacillate between right and wrong thinking and choices. **James 4:8 (NKJV)**

**F. Your heart can be easily deceived.** **Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NKJV)**  
**Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)**

**G. If we continue to cultivate God's Word, it will empower us to believe and obey it.** **Matthew 13:24-29 (NKJV)**

**H. While men slept refers to hearing the Word while being inactive, and not cultivating it.**

**I. The children of Israel died from heart failure in the wilderness.** **He.3:7-14J. King David had a near fatal spiritual heart attack.** His prayer was that God would create in Him a clean heart. **Psalm 51:10-11 (NKJV)**