

# **SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES**

## **WOMEN *in the* WORD Fellowship Bible Church**

### **The GOSPEL ACCORDING to MARK (JESUS: *God's Servant-Our Savior*)**

Lesson FIVE...The Mystery of the Kingdom of God (Mark 4:1-34)

October 22, 2019

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#### ***The PARABLE of the SOWER or the SOILS***

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Mark 4:1-34 (NKJV)<sup>1</sup> And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat *in it* on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. <sup>2</sup> Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And it happened, as he sowed, *that* some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. <sup>7</sup> And some *seed* fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. <sup>8</sup> But other *seed* fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred." <sup>9</sup> And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

- **PARABLES**

Mark 12:12 (NKJV)<sup>12</sup> And they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away.

- ***He taught them many things by parables...***
- ***Listen!...."He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"...***

Prov 4:5-7 (NKJV)<sup>5</sup> Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. <sup>6</sup> Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. <sup>7</sup> Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

## The PARABLE of the SOWER EXPLAINED

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Mark 4:10 But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. <sup>11</sup> And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that '*Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.*' "

- "Those who are outside"
- '*Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.*' "

**Matt 13:15 (NLT)**<sup>15</sup> For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.'

### Isaiah 6

**Matt 11:20-24 (NLT)**<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus began to denounce the towns where he had done so many of his miracles, because they hadn't repented of their sins and turned to God.<sup>21</sup> "What sorrow awaits you, Korazin and Bethsaida! For if the miracles I did in you had been done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented of their sins long ago, clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse.<sup>22</sup> I tell you, Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you.<sup>23</sup> "And you people of Capernaum, will you be honored in heaven? No, you will go down to the place of the dead. For if the miracles I did for you had been done in wicked Sodom, it would still be here today.<sup>24</sup> I tell you, even Sodom will be better off on judgment day than you."

Mark 4:13 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

Mark 4:14 The Sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. <sup>16</sup> These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; <sup>17</sup> and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. <sup>18</sup> Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept *it*, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

**1. WAYSIDE: Inattentive and impersonal listening.**

**Mark 4:15 (NKJV)**<sup>15</sup> And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

**Matthew 13:19** <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it*, then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

**James 1:25** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

**2. STONY GROUND: Shallow or immature relationship with God.**

**Mark 4:16-17 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup>These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; <sup>17</sup>and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.

**Matthew 13:20-21 (NKJV)** <sup>20</sup>But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

**Luke 8:13 (NKJV)** <sup>13</sup>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.

**Job 42:5 (NLT)**<sup>5</sup> I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes.

**Eph 3:16-19 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height-- <sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.)

**Col 2:6-7 (NKJV)**<sup>6</sup> As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

A person who applies God word to their life while trusting that God will bring it to pass despite delay or hardship grows in their knowledge of God.

**3. THORNY GROUND: Distracted listening**

**Mark 4:18-19 (NKJV)**<sup>18</sup> Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

- Worry
- Deceitfulness of riches
- Pleasures

## ATTITUDES *that* MAKE US RECEPTIVE *to* HEARING GOD (Matt. 13:23; Luke 8:15)

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**Mark 4:20** (NKJV)<sup>20</sup> But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept *it*, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

**Matthew 13:23** (NKJV) <sup>23</sup>But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

**Luke 8:15** (NKJV) <sup>15</sup>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.

### 1. TRANSPARENCY. (*noble or honest*)

**Hebrews 4:12,13** (NKJV) <sup>12</sup>For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

### 2. BENEVOLENCE. (*good*)

**James 1:20-21** (NKJV) <sup>20</sup>for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup>Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

**Meekness:** Zodiates: "*That attitude of spirit in which we accept God's dealings with us as good and do not dispute or resist.*"

### 3. PERSONAL FAITH.

### 4. PERSEVERANCE. (*bear fruit with patience*)

**Heb 6:11-12** (NKJV)<sup>11</sup> And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup> that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

## The PARABLE of the LAMP

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<sup>21</sup> Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? <sup>22</sup> For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.

Mark 4:23 **If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.**" <sup>24</sup> Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. <sup>25</sup> For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

- *With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you;*
  
- *...and to you who hear, more will be given.*

### **The PARABLE of the SEED**

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<sup>26</sup> And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. <sup>28</sup> For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

**1 Cor 3:5-9 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup> After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. <sup>7</sup> It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. <sup>9</sup> For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.

### **The PARABLE of the MUSTARD SEED**

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<sup>30</sup> Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? <sup>31</sup> *It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth;* <sup>32</sup> *but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.*" <sup>33</sup> And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear *it*. <sup>34</sup> But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

## ***In CLOSING...***

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- Are you that joyful receiver of the Word that quickly gives up when it looks like the promise or principle you have applied is not making things better but perhaps appears to be making matters worse?
- Are you that person that is often consumed with fears and worry?
- Do you often wonder why you seem stalled at a certain level of spiritual growth and effectiveness?

Rev. 2:2-5

## **PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

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Do I take time to prepare my heart to hear God speak to me through His word?

Am I attentive and do I take measures to be thoughtful about what I have heard? (Write it down, recall and review it throughout the day, pray about it, or even share it with a friend, etc)

Do I expect God to speak to me? Our expectation to hear God speak through His Word to us matters. Do I expect God to communicate with me in a relevant way when I am listening to or reading scripture?

Do I harbor suspicion or any hostility toward God or His Word? If you do, confess it to the Lord, don't hide it.

Do I at times receive the Word with joy, but find myself giving into discouragement at the first sign of trouble that comes to contradict the promise or principle that I have joyfully applied to my life? If I do, what flaw do I find in God's character that would make me think that He has no intentions of keeping His promise or fulfilling His Word in my life?

Am I prepared to put down roots into the character and love of God and grow in my knowledge of Him despite the presence of trials that mock my faith in God's Word? David determined in his heart to trust God no matter how afraid he was. He prayed during those times the following: **When I am afraid I will PUT my trust in You!**

**Psalms 56:3-4 (NLT)**<sup>3</sup> But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.<sup>4</sup> I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?

Am I prepared to wait out the trials that come against the Word that God has planted in my heart, trusting that He will bring His Word to pass in my life, in His time?

*Always remember that you are who God says you are, you have what He says you have, and you can do what He asks you to do through the power of the Holy Spirit who resides in you! Praise God!*

**NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 29th: No Teaching. No PM Study. Special time with Missionary Wives 9:30AM -11:30 AM: Meeting on the 2nd Floor in Worship Center. Look for email with details.**

**NOVEMBER 5th: ELECTION DAY - NO STUDY**

**NEXT LESSON: NOVEMBER 12th Lesson SIX...SIGNS and WONDERS (Mark4:35-5:43)**