And Jesus said to them, I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for that purpose.

Luke 4:43

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever. Daniel 2:44

"[The Kingdom of God is the redemptive reign of God] [dynamically active] [to establish His rule among men] and that [this Kingdom has already come into history in the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ] [to overcome evil and to deliver men from its power] and [to bring them hope and the blessings of God's reign] [according to the word of God] [now and in the future.]" George Ladd

The gospel of the kingdom of God hinges on the truth that Jesus was God, and that as God He came to be with us as God, and He will one day return to establish His kingdom on earth.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord. Luke 4:18-19

Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing. Luke 4:21

In the Bible, a mystery isn't something you can't understand it is something that you would never know unless your eyes and ears and heart were not open to the revelation of God's word.

What is the biblical definition of a mystery?

A mystery can be something revealed that was previously hidden.

A mystery can be something about God that a human cannot completely comprehend.

A mystery may refer to something about God that cannot logically be understood.

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him? Luke 11:13

The kingdom of God is for those who have spiritual eyes and ears and a heart that is open to receive God's word.

The sower is God. The seed is the word of God. The soil is those who are listening.

#### God has never been stingy with His seed.

So will My word be which goes out of My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

## All the soil was at one time capable of receiving seed and bearing fruit.

Now when a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable. Luke 8:4

And He said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest they are told in parables, so that while seeing they may not see, and while hearing they may not understand. Luke 8:10

### The devil steals the seed from those whose hearts are in a stage of hardness.

The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Luke 8:5

Those beside the road are the ones who have heard, then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. Luke 8:12

### The devil seeks opportune times to use temptation to uproot a shallow faith.

Other seed fell on rocky soil, and when it came up, it withered away because it had no moisture. Luke 8:6

Those on the rocky soil are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and yet these do not have a firm root; they believe for a while, and in a time of temptation they fall away. Luke 8:13

### The devil seeks to strangle a heart with worldly success.

Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out. Luke 8:7

And the seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked by worries, riches, and pleasures of this life, and they bring no fruit to maturity. Luke 8:14

#### The devil cannot steal seed from one whose eyes, ears and heart are in tune with God's word.

And yet other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as much." As He said these things, He would call out, "The one who has ears to hear, let him hear." Luke 8:8

# The outcome of being in tune with God's word is fruit with perseverance.

But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word with a good and virtuous heart, and hold it firmly, and produce fruit with perseverance. Luke 8:15

Is the devil stealing your seed?