

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Parable Of Parables"
Luke 8:1-15
Study-30

The word "**hear**" - is used **nine times** in this section.
It means so much more than simply listening to words.
"Hearing" means *"listening with spiritual understanding and receptivity."*

Luke 8:8,18

This parable of "The Sower And The Seed" is recorded in three of the Gospels: **Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-15**

This Parable of "The Sower And The Seed" Is The Most Important Parable Jesus Ever Taught. Mark 4:13

This parable is the key to understanding the response to the gospel message.

Luke 8 Miracles and Parables: Revealing The Authority Son Of Man.

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Condition Of One's Heart Determines The Results Of God's Word Of Being Either Barren Or Fruitful"

1. Verses 1-3 Ministry Of Gratitude

2. Verses 4-15 Ministry Of Teaching

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Luke 8:1 Soon afterwards,

Context - Luke left off with Jesus going to the house of a Pharisee (Simon). **Luke 7:39**

The failure to believe His Word was not the fault of the teacher, but the fault of the listener.

Jesus' Ministry Was Tireless: "that He began going about from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God;"

preaching the kingdom of God;

God wants to rule and reign in the hearts of those that will receive Him as king. The twelve were with Him, trained for the upcoming missions **Luke 9:1-11; 10:1-24**

Luke 8:2 and also some women

Luke's gospel has been called "**The Gospel to Women**"

who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses:

(Mentions only three) Women that had demons cast out and were healed of diseases. Forgiven, they were following Jesus out of love and gratitude. **(Luke 7:36-50 The sinful woman)**

Mary who was called Magdalene, (Tower) from whom seven demons had gone out, A woman that had been set free from Satan by Jesus Christ.

After His resurrection, Jesus first appeared to Mary. **Mark 16:9**

Luke 8:3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, (manager of estates?) This reveals that the gospel had penetrated Herod of Antipas' palace. **Luke 24:10 Joanna** became a witness of the resurrection.

and Susanna, (Nothing is known of her) **and many others**

who were contributing to their support – the word for deacon means "to render service"

(Ministry Of Gratitude) out of their private means.

2. Verses – 4-15 Ministry Of Teaching:

Luke 8:4 Large Crowd: When a large crowd was coming together, *"The Popularity Of Jesus"*

Great Distances: those from the various cities were journeying to Him,

Mark 4 is the Context of The Parable - it says there were so many people that Jesus got into a boat and began to teach from the boat. (the boat became the pulpit)

Verses 4-8 The Parable: He spoke by way of a parable:
"Parable"- "Para"- alongside "ballo"- to throw or cast To cast alongside.

Luke 8:5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; Shore Galilee

and as he sowed, some fell beside the road; and it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up.

People would walk on it, cattle and carts as well.

Luke 8:6 Israel has much limestone. The soil would cover the limestone an inch or two, and the sun would heat it faster

Luke 8:7 The seed fell among the weeds, and the weeds would grow faster than the grain so that it would choke out the grain.

Luke 8:8 The soil that was good accepted the growth of the seed that reproduced itself and produced another crop

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Jesus says if you can grasp it, do something about it. Listen up, hear and understand.

Verses - 9-18 Explaining The Parable: Luke 8:9

Asking questions and wondering what the meaning was is exactly what Jesus wanted them to do.

Luke 8:10 mysteries - in Scripture means *"something once hidden or formerly unknown, but now has been revealed"* **Purpose of parables was to reveal "Divine Secrets Of The Kingdom Of God" Understood only by divine illumination!**

so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND. The purpose of parables was to conceal from nonbelievers "one of the difficult statements of Jesus"

It is taken from **Isaiah 6:9-10**, and the context is of unbelieving Israel who did not want to be converted. They wanted to do their own thing. **Isaiah spoke in clear, plain words, but they did not want to hear!**

Luke 8:11 the seed is the word of God.

word of God - "word that tells of God, the word that comes from God" **Leviticus 19:19**

The sower - Is Jesus Christ. **Matthew 13:37**

Four Types Of Soil, Is Four Types Of Hearts:

1. Verse 12 Hard Hearted

- 1) They Have Become Hardened By A So-Called Open Mind:**
- 2) They Have Become Hard Through Experience:**
- 3) Make Themselves Hard Through Their Lifestyle**
- 4) Became Hard Through Their Own Reasoning**

then the devil comes (Birds) and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.

Satan blinds - **2 Corinthians 4:4**

2. Verse 13 Shallow Hearted

"Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy;"

Those that hear the message and are emotional, and enthusiastic

and these have no firm root; they believe for a while,

They have no depth to their faith; their heart has not changed.

Emotional only, feelings only

They hear an emotional appeal -

They hear the message and are under pressure to make a decision -

They have not come to the point of seeing their own sinfulness -

and in time of temptation fall away.

The sun is good, it is there to make the plant grow, but because of the condition of the soil, it scorches the plant.

The message has hit the emotions but not the mind and the will.

3. Verse 14 Divided Heart: Luke 8:14

Jesus noted three types of weeds. **(These need to be pulled out!)**

1) Weeds Of Worries - with worries literally "the distractions of this age"

2) Weeds Of Riches - and riches

3) Weeds Of Pleasure - and pleasures of this life, literally "*desire concerning the remaining things*" Lusting for things, or desires.

1 John 2:16

and bring no fruit to maturity. These things become the dominant force in the heart.

Mark 8:36

4. Verse 15 Fruitful Hearted: Luke 8:15

Soil That Results In Salvation

James 1:21

1) We Must Hear It! "these are the ones who have heard the word"

2) We Must Accept It! "in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast,"

3) We Must Apply It! "and bear fruit with perseverance."

Application:

1. What Is My Response To The Word? Do I Hear And Give Attention To Understand? Or Do I Careless About Hearing And Understanding God's Word?

2. Failure To Hear And Understand God's Message Will Keep One From Growing And Receiving Future Truth.

3. Am I Determined To Apply The Word In My Life? It's Not How One Feels That Matters But How One Acts.

4. Is There Fruit In My Life? Fruit Is Determined By The Soil Of My Heart.

5. Which Heart Do I Have? (Hard, Shallow, Divided or Fruitful)