

Presence of The Future Part 14

Parable of The Soils-The Soils

1 Corinthians 3:4-9

4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not mere men?

5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

Matthew 13:1-17

1 That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea. 2 And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.

3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow; 4 and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. 8 And others fell on the good soil and *yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear."

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. 12 For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

13 Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while SEEING they do not see, and while HEARING they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,

‘ You will keep on hearing, but will not understand;

You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;

15 For the heart of this people has become dull, With their ears they scarcely hear, (scarcely-unresponsively dull, and disinterested listening,)

And THEY have closed their eyes,

Otherwise THEY would see with their eyes,

Hear with their ears,

And understand with their heart and return,

And I would heal them.’

16 But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. 17 For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

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18 “Hear then the parable of the sower.

1-BESIDE THE ROAD;

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it (*suniémi* - *to set together*), the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his HEART. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

(Ephesians 5:17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.) context here shows us how this can be done; Ephesians 5:16 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.)

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2-ROCKY PLACES-NO ROOT;

20 The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

3-AMONG THORNS;

22 And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

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4 -THE GOOD SOIL

23 And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”

Our priorities are;

- 1 Ensure we hear and understand**
- 2 Ensure we build a depth and a root system in our lives**
- 3 Ensure we do not worry about wealth and the things of this world**
- 4 Most importantly we hear and understand to the point of bearing fruit**