

I. The Challenge of the Kingdom (Mark 4:1-12)

Parables: **wayside** - fowls/devoured; **stones** - sun/scorched & withered; **thorns** - choked & no fruit; **good** (kalos), yielded, increased & brought forth.

(9-10) He that hath ears... - ; “unto you” vs. “unto them”; alone, about Him & asked them vs. “outside the circle”
1Th 4:12 honestly; 1Ti 3:7 report of; know/perceive

“That” having seen, see not, having heard, hear not –Judicial

II. The Caution of the Kingdom (Mark 4:13-25)

Stones (scorched; babes = nepios: cf. Saul/John Mark); **thorns** (cares/lusts: Solomon/Demas, 2Ti 4:10); wither; **kalos** ground (yield, sprang, bring forth & increased: David)

Ac 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

1Sa 10:6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

9 ¶ And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart:

1Sa:28:19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

2Sa 1:27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

1 Kings 11:4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

2 Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

Hebrews 6:7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

8 But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. (Kausis vs. kaumatizo)

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. (Not us! Though insecure.)

(21-25) **Take heart** - Candle; **Take heed** - measure

Faint or Lose heart - Lu 18:1 2Co 4:1 2Co 4:16 Ga 6:9 Eph 3:13

III. The Continuance of the Kingdom (Mark 4:26-34)

Sower – riseth, knoweth not how; earth of itself & harvest w/sickle: “it’s like that”!

Seed – tiny & imperceptible to towering & infested

IV. The Calling (or Crisis) of the Kingdom (Mark 4:35-41)

From the Particulars to the Practical: Exposition to **experience!**

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