

Mark 4:13-25
Will You Bear Fruit For Eternity?

4:13 Do You Understand This Parable?
4:14 Sower sows the seed
4:15 Unbelief
4:16-17 Unbelief – Persecution
4:18-19 Unbelief – Love of the world
4:20 Genuine faith: Bear fruit/reward

4:21-22 Lamp: Kingdom will be revealed
4:23 HEAR
4:24-25 Measures: Have/have not

The Importance of The Parable

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

The Lord Sows Seed

Mark 4:14-15 The **sower** sows **the word**.
 These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

Jesus And The Twelve Sow Seed

Mark 1:14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, **preaching the gospel of God**.
Mark 2:2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even near the door; and He was **speaking the word** to them.
Mark 6:12 They went out and **preached** that men should repent.

The Sower is The Subject!

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me
Luke 24:44-45 Now He said to them, "**These are My words** which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the **Scriptures**

Unbelievers Fall Away

Mark 4:16-17 In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises **because of the word**, immediately they fall away.

Believers Must Be Willing To Suffer

Mark 8:34-35 And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and **take up his cross** and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Do We Believe The Promises of God?

Hebrews 11:24-26 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; **for he was looking to the reward.**

Unbelievers Fall Away

Mark 4:18-19 And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Believers Bear and Receive Fruit

Mark 4:20 And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

Three Aspects of Bearing Fruit:

1. The word bears fruit (Isaiah 55:11)
2. The believer bears fruit (Romans 7:4)
3. Fruit is born at the harvest (Matt. 25:19-23)

The Lamp Has Come

Mark 4:21 And He was saying to them, "A lamp is not **brought** to be put under a basket, is it, or under a bed? Is it not **brought** to be put on the lampstand?"

Mark 4:21 P.T. And He was saying to them, "Does the lamp **come** for the purpose of being put under a measure or under a bed? Does it not **come** for the purpose of being put on the lampstand?"

The First "Coming" of The Lamp

Mark 1:24 "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You **come** to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

Mark 1:38 He said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I **came** for."

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not **come** to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

The 2nd Coming Will Reveal The Lamp

Mark 4:22-23 "For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has anything been secret, but that it would come to light. If anyone has ears to hear, he had better listen!"

| <u>Church Age</u> | <u>2nd Advent</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jesus' identity hidden | Jesus' identity revealed |
| Kingdom built secretly | Kingdom established openly |

Salvation Is Not Redistributed!

Mark 4:24-25 P.T. And He was saying to them, "Take care what you hear. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides. **For whoever has, to him more shall be given;** and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."

The "More" That Shall Be Given

The Reign: Revelation 5:10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.

The Riches: 1 Peter 1:3-5 ...according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
