

Mark 4

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4 And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. (He did that so that the whole crowd could see and hear Him. The shoreline formed a natural amphitheater)

²And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, (He taught in parables because it was not meant for everyone to understand. They could retain their innocence. Only those with eyes to see and ears to hear understood)

³Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: (people sowed crops by casting a handful of seeds on the ground – this was called broadcasting)

(The seeds are a metaphor for the Word of God)

⁴And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. (on a hard surface where people tread) (The birds ate the seeds)

⁵And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

⁶But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. (People who have no depth of character are quickly impressed, and then easily bored, and then move on)

⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. (Thorns are the ways of the world, choking out belief in God)

⁸And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. (These are true believers who stick with the Word and learn it well, and do it)

⁹And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Those who are spiritually awake need to listen to this lesson and learn it)

¹⁰ And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. (They didn't get it)

¹¹ And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

(The mystery of the kingdom of God is: In the First Age, Satan rebelled against God <the Catabole>. Some angels <the fallen> sided with Satan. They were sentenced to death for it. God ended the Age, and began the Second Age, where people are born innocent in the flesh. We must decide whether we want to follow God, or the ways of the world. In Genesis, Cain was Satan's son, through Eve. His progeny <the Kenites> work secretly to subvert the Plan of God, down through the generations) see Matthew 13:24-30 (The parable of the tares)

¹² That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. (The parables are meant to protect the innocent who will be deceived, while teaching the ones <the Elect> who will be held accountable for knowing the truth)

¹³ And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

¹⁴ The sower soweth the word. (The seeds are the Word of God)

¹⁵ And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. (Satan tries to sabotage God's plan)

¹⁶ And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; (They are excited and eager to learn – at first)

¹⁷ And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. (But eventually, they move on to the next new thing, or when confronted by skeptics <like in their own church>, they abandon the Word)

¹⁸ And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, (In the parable of the trees, Satan is the bramble – the thorn bush) see Judges-9:6-18

¹⁹ And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. (They prefer monetary gains and worldly power that stroke their ego; than a humble life, helping others with the Word of God) (Satan is the prince of the air; the prince of the ways of this world)

²⁰ And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred. (These people hear the Word, and they realize this is the truth. They make it a part of their life permanently and take the years necessary to learn the Word of God – chapter by chapter, verse by verse. This is a long process that takes many years. They not only learn the Word, they do it in their everyday lives. These are the people that God calls The Elect. The fruit they bring forth are the people they influence and bring into God's Word)

²¹ And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick? (The candle light is symbolic of the truth of God's Word. It must be shown and not hidden. Light destroys the darkness of confusion and ignorance. God gives us truth not just for ourselves but for everyone who wants to learn. If you receive it, pass it on to other people)

²² For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. (In Chapter 13, Jesus said – Behold, I have foretold you all things)

see Amos-8:11 (The famine of the end times is not for bread. It is for hearing the true Word of God)

²³ If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. (Spiritual ears, to hear and understand the truth)

²⁴ And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. (When you hear a teaching, always cross reference it with the scriptures. If it does not agree, then it is a false teaching. God's Word does not change, year to year)

²⁵ For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath. (To those that want to learn the truth, more knowledge is given to them. Those that don't will lose what little knowledge they had. The corrupt world sees to that)

(Example – our schools today, reject and outlaw Christianity, claiming “secularism” or “separation of church and state”; yet they teach muslim studies. The US is 85% Christian and yet the kids learn more about islam than they do about Christianity. The result is the pathetic situation in our schools, now that they have thrown God out. Violence, hate, gangs, drugs, rising teen suicides; our schools have gone from being no 2 in the world, to no 40 in world ranking in the last 40 years, since they ended teaching Christian values)

²⁶ And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

²⁷ And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. (Man is only responsible for broadcasting the Word. Only God can make the Word grow; man can't)

²⁸ For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. (It grows gradually and naturally; step by step)

²⁹ But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come. (The Elect are responsible to plant the seed and let it grow. The spiritual harvest is the number of people that have been taught the Word of God and have obeyed it)

³⁰ And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: (A tiny seed that grows into the largest of the herbs - as tall as a man on horseback)

³² But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it. (God's Word can grow very great from a humble beginning. But when it does, here come the dirty birds <fake preachers, profiteers & bible lawyers> to roost in it; to make money from it and corrupt it for their profit. Yet as much as they try,

they cannot destroy the tree. It is up to the Elect to keep the dirty birds out of the tree)

³³ And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. (They were spiritually awake)

³⁴ But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples. (The disciples were charged to teach the Word. They were spiritually awake and responsible for their actions and the outcome. They were a part of the Elect. They knew who the Kenites are and who they came from. See the Parable of the Tares in Mathew-13:24-43. The Kenites are also identified in John-8:44)

³⁵ And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. (Jesus said that they are going to the other side. They are going)

³⁶ And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

³⁷ And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

³⁸ And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? (Jesus was testing their faith. HE said they were going to the other side)

³⁹ And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (Who can do that but God Himself? No one can. Who can overcome the wicked world when it tries to destroy Christianity? God can)

⁴⁰ And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? (In verse-35, Jesus said they were going to the other side. He didn't say that they would try to go to the other side. Their faith in Him was still lacking)

⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? (Jesus was God in the flesh – Isaiah-7:14 – Emanuel = God with us. Not His "son" as is translated in English, but He Himself; having passed through the

womb to be born in the flesh – the begotten of God. Jesus was one of many offices of God)

(Just as God made us to “pass through the flesh in this second age, HE also did, as Jesus. God never asks us to do something that HE wouldn’t do Himself. We had spiritual bodies in the first age, flesh in the second, and will have spiritual bodies in the third. Bodies that never age or are ever sick)