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SECRETS UNSEALED PRESENTS: "CRACKING THE GENESIS CODE"

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Matthew 13:37	Mark 4:19
Luke 8:11	Genesis 3:18
Isaiah 55:10, 11	Matthew 9:21-24
Mark 4:15	I Timothy 6:9, 10
Luke 8:12	Luke 12:15
Acts 24:25	Luke 12:16-21
Acts 26:27, 28	I John 2:15-17
Acts 7:54-58	Luke 21:34
II Thessalonians 2:8-12	Luke 8:15
John 17:17	Revelation 1:3
Luke 8:6	John 14:23
Matthew 13:5, 6	James 1:22
Mark 4:16, 17	Matthew 7:21-26
Mark 10:28-31	I Peter 1:23
Matthew 10:34-39	II Corinthians 3:18
Matthew 8:18-22	Galatians 5:21-24
Luke 3:14	Ezekiel 36:26, 27

5. **What will characterize many superficial Christians in the end time?**
 "Not everyone who _____ to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who _____ the will of My Father in heaven. Many will _____ to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not _____ in Your name, cast out _____ in Your name, and done many _____ in Your name?' 'And then I will declare to them, 'I _____ knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" (Matthew 7:21-23)

6. **What is the fruit which the Word of God bears?**
 "But the fruit of the Spirit is _____, joy, peace, longsuffering, _____, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no _____. And those who are Christ's have _____ the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also _____ in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:22-25)

7. **What will happen when God gives us a new heart?**
 "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of _____ out of your flesh and give you a heart of _____. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to _____ in My statutes, and you will _____ My judgments and do them." (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

NOTE: *The wonderful news is that God can take out our heart of stone and put in a heart of flesh where His Word can penetrate. We are not doomed to remain with the soil we presently have. God can change the soil.*

15. **What warning did Jesus give to those who are awaiting His coming?**

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your _____ be weighed down with _____, drunkenness, and _____ of this life, and that Day come on you _____.” (Luke 21:34)

The Good Ground Hearers

1. **What does Luke tell us about the seed that fell upon fertile soil?**

“But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having _____ the word with a noble and _____ heart, keep it and bear _____ with patience.” (Luke 8:15)

NOTE: Good ground hearers are those who hear the Word, receive it and immediately obey it. Cornelius was this type of hearer. The child Samuel was this type of hearer. When the LORD spoke to him the third time he said: “Speak LORD, for they servant heareth.”

2. **According to the book of Revelation, what three steps must we follow as we respond to the Word of God?**

“Blessed is he who _____ and those who _____ the words of this prophecy, and _____ those things which are written in it; for the time is near.” (Revelation 1:3)

NOTE: In order for the Word of God to have a positive impact upon our lives we must read it, pay attention to it and obey it.

3. **What will a person do if he truly loves Jesus?**

“Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone _____ Me, he will _____ My word; and My Father will love him, and We will _____ to him and make Our home with him.’” (John 14:23)

4. **Is it enough to just hear the Word of God?**

“But be _____ of the word, and not _____ only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22)

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Lecture #31

One of the best known parables of Jesus is the Parable of the Sower. It is found in all three synoptic gospels and in our study we will glean valuable information from all three accounts.

(Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23; Mark 4:1-9, 13-20; Luke 8:4-8, 11-15)

Sower, Seed and Soils

1. **Who does the Sower represent in this parable?**

“He answered: ‘The one who _____ the good seed is the _____ of Man.’” (Matthew 13:37)

2. **What does the seed represent in the parable?**

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the _____ of God.” (Luke 8:11)

NOTE: In order for the seed to germinate and grow it needs fallow soil, sunshine and rain. So it is in our spiritual life. The Word of God must have a tender heart to fall in and that seed must be watered by the Holy Spirit and energized by Jesus Christ, the Son of righteousness.

3. **What does God describe the germinating power of His Word?**

“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that is may give _____ to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my _____ be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me _____, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall _____ in the thing whereto I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:10-11)

4. **What is represented by the four kinds of soil in this parable?**

“And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When

they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes _____ the word that was sown in their _____.” (Mark 4:15)

***NOTE:** It is to be noted that the sower in this parable represents Jesus. The seed represents the Word of God and the four soils represents four kinds of responses to that Word.*

Seed by the Wayside

1. What is meant by the seed which fell on the wayside?

“Those by the wayside are the ones who _____; then the _____ comes and takes away the word out of their _____, lest they should believe and be saved.” (Luke 8:12)

***NOTE:** The seed which falls by the wayside represents those who hear the Word of God but the devil plucks it out of the heart before it has the opportunity to penetrate into the soil of the heart. This type of hearer has a heart of stone where the seed of truth cannot penetrate.*

2. What did Felix tell the apostle Paul after he heard the gospel message? Did the Apostle Paul’s message have any lasting impact?

“Now as he reasoned about _____, self-control, and the _____ to come, Felix was afraid and answered, ‘Go away for now; when I have a _____ time I will call for you.’” (Acts 24:25)

3. How did King Agrippa’s response to the Apostle Paul’s gospel message reveal that he was a “wayside hearer”?

“King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do _____.’ Then Agrippa said to Paul, ‘You _____ persuade me to become a Christian.’” (Acts 26:27-28)

4. How did the Sanhedrin respond to the message of Stephen?

“When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they

is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have _____ from the faith in their greediness, and _____ themselves through with many sorrows.” (I Timothy 6:9-10)

12. What awesome warning did Jesus give concerning the sin of covetousness?

“And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of _____, for one’s life does not consist in the _____ of the _____ he possesses.’” (Luke 12:15)

13. What parable did Jesus tell about the danger of hoarding riches?

“Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded _____. And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store _____ crops?’ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down _____ barns and build greater and there I will store all _____ crops and my goods. And I will say to _____ soul: ‘Soul, you have many goods _____ up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’ ‘But God said to him: _____! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasure for _____, and is not rich toward God.’” (Luke 12:16-21)

14. What warning did the apostle John give about loving the world?

“Do not love the world or the _____ in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the _____, the lust of the _____, and the _____ of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is _____ away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” (I John 2:15-17)

and mammon. They want to have their cake and eat it too.

7. **How does the gospel of Mark describe the thorny ground hearers?**

“... and the cares of this _____, the deceitfulness of _____, and the desires for _____ things entering in _____ the word, and it becomes unfruitful.” (Mark 4:19)

8. **What is represented by the thorns?**

“_____ is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both _____ and _____ it shall bring forth for you...” (Genesis 3:17-18)

9. **What cankering sin killed the seed in a young Jewish ruler’s heart?**

“Jesus said to him, ‘If you want to be _____, go sell what you have and give to the _____, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.’ But when the young man heard that saying, he went away _____, for he had great _____.
(Matthew 19:21-22)

10. **What did Jesus say to His disciples after the rich young ruler episode?**

“Then Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Assuredly, I say to you that it is _____ for a rich man to _____ the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a _____ than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.’”
(Matthew 19:23-24)

11. **What did the apostle Paul say about the danger of riches?**

“But those who _____ to be rich fall into temptation and a _____, and into many foolish and harmful _____ which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the _____ of money

_____ at him with their _____. . . Then they cried out with a _____ voice, stopped their _____, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and _____ him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.” (Acts 7:54-58)

5. **How does the apostle Paul describe those who will be deceived by the Antichrist?**

“And then the lawless one will be _____, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous _____ among those who perish because they did not receive the _____ of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong _____, that they should believe the _____ that they all may be condemned who did not believe the _____ but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”
(II Thessalonians 2:8-12)

NOTE: Those which the apostle Paul describes in this passage will hear the Word of God but they will refuse to receive it because they do not love it. When the truth is rejected the acceptance of lies follows.

6. **6. According to Jesus, what is truth?**

“Sanctify them by Your truth: Your _____ is truth.” (John 17:17)

Stony Ground Hearers

1. **According to Luke 8:6 and Matthew 13:5-6 what did the stony soil lack?**

“And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked _____. . . Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they

had no _____ of earth.”

2. **What is represented by the seed which fell on the stony ground?**

“These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they _____ the word, immediately receive it with _____. ‘And they have no _____ in themselves, and so endure only for a _____. Afterward, when tribulation or _____ arises for the word’s sake, immediately they stumble.’” (Mark 4:16-17)

***NOTE:** Stony ground hearers respond quickly and superficially to the Word of God. They respond excitedly and emotionally when the Word is preached but they have no depth of experience and therefore the truth cannot penetrate into the depths of their hearts. These make a partial surrender to Jesus and expect that religion will free them from trials and afflictions. But when the sun of tribulation rises and opposition ensues, the initial emotion and excitement dissipates and spiritual enthusiasm dies out.*

3. **Does the acceptance of the gospel always lead to a life free of trials and tribulations?**

“Then Peter began to say to Him, ‘See, we have left _____ and followed You.’ So Jesus answered and said: ‘Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has _____ house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My _____ and the gospel’s who shall not receive a _____ now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with _____ and in the age to come, eternal life.’” (Mark 10:28-31)

***NOTE:** Stony ground hearers are those who enthusiastically receive Jesus in the good times. They expect that Christianity will spare them from trials and tribulations. While things go well, they appear to be good Christians but when they are required to make a sacrifice for what they believe, they fall away. Jesus warned that following Him involved great present sacrifices but that the future eternal dividends would be well worth it.*

4. **What did Jesus say happens when we accept the gospel?**

“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a _____. For I have come to ‘set a man _____ his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; and ‘a man’s _____ will be those of his own household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who _____ son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me and he who does not take his _____ and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will _____ it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:34-39)

5. **What did Jesus say to Judas Iscariot when he volunteered to follow Him?**

“And when Jesus saw great _____ about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. Then a certain _____ came and said to Him, ‘Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘_____ have holes and birds of the air have _____, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His _____.’” (Matthew 8:18-22)

***NOTE:** Most of the disciples of Jesus left their professions immediately to joyfully follow Jesus. But before they did this they counted the cost. This is why Jesus told Judas to count the cost before he decided to follow Him. Judas chose to immediately follow Jesus but he did not truly count the cost. The end result was suicide. Ananias and Sapphira also fit within this category.*

6. **What three things kill off the life of the seed which falls among the thorns?**

“And the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with _____, _____, and _____ of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.” (Luke 8:14)

***NOTE:** Stony ground hearers have a form of godliness but lack the power thereof (II Timothy 3:5). They are half-hearted Christians. They want to serve Christ and self simultaneously. They serve Christ with a divided heart and no one can serve two masters! Stony ground hearers wish to serve God*