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Redemption: the Key to the Parables

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All scriptures from the 1906 Pure Cambridge Edition of the King James Bible

Shocking Truths from the Parable of the Sower & Seed

1. REDEMPTION: KEY TO ALL PARABLES—Mark 4:13 says, "And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?"
2. THOSE THAT WILL BE SAVED, GOD WILL SAVE¹—If you think Jacob Arminius' teachings² of man's 'free will' has any merit before the truth of God's word, you are dead wrong. Adam and Eve, the only individuals that were not influenced by prior sin and were the only ones ever to possess free-will, I ask you 'How did that turn out!' They plunged the entire human race into the downward spiral of:
 - alienation from the Creator
 - entropy (death, decay and destruction) and
 - the appearance God's permissive will³ (man's sinful will, demonic influence, or the action of both working together)

¹ The Bible's doctrine of election nullifies the belief that men can choose God. Jesus in John 15:16 said to his disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

² James Arminius was heavily influenced by Catholic, Jesuit teaching. His first of five tenets: prevenient grace. This was not God's grace, but an effort by man to reach deep within himself in a time of crisis. It is repudiated by the Bible doctrine of man's radical corruption, namely man's inability to deliver himself from hell and its eternal consequences. Arminius' second tenet: conditional election. This perverted teaching says that only those that possess prevenient grace will be saved. Because God saves, there are no conditions placed on man as a result of God's elective counsel. There is nothing man can do to affect his redemptive position before God. The next corrupt tenet: universal salvation. If all will be saved, why are not all men saved? I guess because some men have more prevenient grace than others. You can see the folly of such liberal teaching. The fourth unbiblical tenet: resistible grace. This asinine teaching suggests that man is mightier than God. Really! And to top off the list of heretical teachings, we have the tenet: no assurance of salvation. This damnable paradigm fits perfectly into a system which is entirely dependent upon man and is steeped in human determinism and works.

³ Gods' permissive will surfaces in the story of Job chapters 1 and 2. We see Satan needing permission by God to afflict Job, materially and physically. Bad things can happen to good people because of evil men, satanic influence, or both.

3. EVANGELISM'S APPLE CART UPSET—Contrary to what we have been told by the likes of Billy Graham, Luis Palau, Billy Sunday, John & Charles Wesley and George Whitfield, the vast majority of people are not interested in the gospel of Jesus Christ.⁴
4. THE GOSPEL IS EXCLUSIVE NOT INCLUSIVE—From the parable of the sower and the seed, when Jesus was alive AND on earth, the vast majority of people that were found on the lake shore were only interested in Jesus for what they could get. Those in the boat, his disciples, were dumbfounded when they heard their Master say, “Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.” Wanting to know why Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables from his disciples, Christ continued, “Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.”

Look! If you think the kingdom of God is inclusive you are dead wrong. Nothing could be more exclusive than what Jesus just said. What about the millions that died in the flood, while God spared just eight people. Then there are two, Joshua and Caleb, out of 1.2 million from the Egyptian exodus that never went into the Promised Land because their belief was not mixed with faith. And finally, after 3.5 years of public ministry God in flesh, Jesus Christ, had only 120 disciples in the upper room before Pentecost (Acts 1:15).⁵

⁴ Matt. 7:13, 14—Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

⁵ Acts 1:15—And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

5. THE TRINITY⁶ PARTICIPATES IN MAN'S REDEMPTION—We can see the Holy Spirit's presence in the formula for man's redemption from Matthew 13:12, "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath." The idea here is that, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit" (Rom. 8:16). Without the Spirit's leading, presence and abiding, men are left to themselves. Speaking of the rocky heart where the seed falls, we notice the following from Luke 8:6, "And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture." Without the Holy Spirit the seed will not germinate.

This is the divide between belief and faith . . . But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*. (Heb. 11:6) This is the difference between the religious slave in Romans 7:14-24 and the freeman in Romans 8!

6. REPUDIATION OF DENOMINATIONALISM AND SECTARIANISM—Having been part of the physical, visible Protestant Church for 31 years, I can happily say I have been delivered from the doctrines and commandments of men. I praise God for removing me from darkness, sorcery and bewitching.

Note Paul's warning to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:29-31, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."

Finally, even during the apostle's time denominationalism was rearing its ugly head with its contentious cult of personality. In I Corinthians 1:11-13 Paul wrote, "For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"

⁶ Luke 13:20,21—And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? 21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

7. IS NOT THE CHURCH THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH?⁷— It is God that justifies (Rom. 8:33) man's condemned position delivering him from eternal hell fire. Man is not 'hard-wired' for this task. In John 1:12, 13, the gospel writer indicates the origin and direction of redemption as coming from the Almighty not through the title of birth, Catholic sainthood, or man's will worship.⁸
8. THE SAVED AND THE LOST, WITH FOUR RESPONSES TO THE GOSPEL— The parable of the sower and the seed appears in three gospels: Matthew 13; Mark 4; Luke 8. While there are only two categories of individuals, namely the saved and the lost; there are four responses to the gospel. The sower is God, the Father. The seed is Jesus Christ. The moisture necessary for seed germination is the Holy Spirit. The four soils represent the human heart's response to the gospel.

The Players of the Sower and the Seed

1. The sower—God, the Father
2. The seed—Jesus Christ, the Son, the Word
3. The moisture—the Holy Spirit
4. The soil—the human heart
 - a. wayside—lost, hardened atheist
 - b. rocky—lost, emotional response to the gospel (Holiness Movement)
 - c. thorny—lost, cerebral response to the gospel (conservative denominations)
 - d. fertile—born again, heed their God-given moral conscience (good soil)

More specifically, the first soil is wayside, compacted and impenetrable. This is the hardened atheist. The second soil is rocky in nature. What one notices; however, is a false conversion, "and forthwith they sprung up." How can seed spring up or germinate without any moisture? It cannot! This is your false conversion for when persecution or tribulation arise because of the word (Jesus) by and by these people

⁷ 1 Tim. 3:15—. . . But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

⁸ John 1:12, 13—But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

are offended. Unfortunately, this too is an atheist but with an emotional/religious bent. I categorize these individuals into the Holiness Movement of Protestantism. Some of these are:

- Calvary Chapel or [The Hippy Jesus Movement](#) (founder Chuck Smith, 1965; deceased—October 3, 2013)
 - Methodism⁹ (founders Charles and John Wesley, George Whitfield, 1730)
 - Wesleyanism¹⁰ (founder Orange Scott, 1843)
 - [Pentecostalism](#) (founder Charles Fox Parham—teacher @ Bethel Bible School in Topeka, Kansas 1870)
 - Neo-Pentecostalism or Charismatic Movement (founder William J. Seymour, Azusa Street Revival). A [split](#) between black and white congregations emerged:
 1. The Church of God in Christ, [1909](#)—William J. Seymour (black)
 2. Assemblies of God, [1914](#)—William Durham (white)
 - Nazarenes¹¹ (founder Phineas F. Bresee, 1908)
 - Adventism (founder William Miller, 1840)
 - Salvation Army (founder William Booth, 1865)
- On the other hand some of your less emotional and more conservative denominations struggle with the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things. These denominations are:
- Baptists¹² (founder John Smythe, 1570-1612—Baptist denomination grew out of English Puritanism)
 - Presbyterians¹³ (founder John Calvin, 1534-1560)
 - Episcopalians¹⁴ (founder Samuel Seabury, 1789)

⁹ Mead, Frank S., Hill S. Samuel, "Handbook of Denominations in the United States Eleventh Edition," Copyright © 2001, Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, p. 224

¹⁰ *ibid*, p. 169

¹¹ *ibid*, p. 167

¹² *ibid*, p. 43

¹³ *ibid*, p. 291

¹⁴ *ibid*, p. 131 Episcopalians in the United States became a recognized denomination in 1967 (*ibid*, p. 132)

- Anglicans¹⁵ (founder Henry VIII,¹⁶ 1530's; formulator Richard Hooker, 1554-1600)

CONCLUSION:

So, who is the church? Throughout history it has been those who have been saved by grace through faith, not relying on themselves, knowing it is the gift of God, not of works, lest Christ's crucifixion be in vain (Eph. 2:8, 9).

While the Old Testament saints were not sealed by the Holy Spirit, and his abiding presence could ebb and flow, it must be emphasized no one could pluck them out of the Father's hand.¹⁷

In the New Testament Christ's elect are baptized by the Holy Spirit and sealed by the Father's holy Spirit¹⁸ until the day of redemption, namely our physical death.¹⁹

What should the post-apostolic believers embrace:

1. CHRIST'S BLOOD—Christ paid the ransom for your sin
2. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S LIFE WITHIN—Baptism by him allows him to accomplish within you what you cannot²⁰—the will of God
3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR TEACHER—You do not need any man to teach you²¹
4. JESUS' WORDS, **NOT** THE CHURCH IS YOUR AUTHORITY—Ever since the completion of the last book in the Bible, Revelation, man has repeatedly attempted to elevate himself above the power and authority of Jesus' words (ecclesiastical lawfare). If you cannot hear the Shepherd's voice and you are listening to a multitude of mutilated 'bibles,' you are deceived.

¹⁵ *ibid*, pp. 129, 130

¹⁶ William Tyndale's (1494-1536) prayer before strangulation and his body succumbed to the flames of torture at the hands of Henry VIII, were that God would open Henry's eyes. Shortly after Tyndale's death, Tyndale's Bible was placed in the Anglican churches across England. Tyndale's Bible was essentially the [Authorized Version \(83%\)](#) and the foundation for the 1611 King James Bible.

¹⁷ John 10:29, 30—My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. 30 I and *my* Father are one.

¹⁸ The King James Bible is the only Bible that makes the distinction between the holy Spirit, coming from the Father, and the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost, coming from the third person of the trinity.

¹⁹ Eph. 4:30—And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

²⁰ There is no such thing as the *cooperative effort of man*. Get out of the Holy Spirit's way and let him work!

²¹ I John 2:26, 27—These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.