

The Parable of the Sower

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The parable of the sower emphasizes the importance of understanding and receiving the Word of God, and the responsibility of being a true messenger or preacher of the gospel.

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Description

This sermon is a powerful call to awaken from spiritual slumber and confront the reality of sin and compromise within the church. It emphasizes the importance of genuine repentance, forsaking sin, and embracing the full truth of God's Word. The speaker challenges listeners to count the cost, let go of worldly pleasures, and commit to following Christ wholeheartedly, even if it means losing everything. The message warns against being deceived by false testimonies and superficial faith, urging a deep, enduring commitment to Christ.

Transcript

In Luke chapter 8 verse 5 Jesus said a sower, a sower went out to sow, to sow his seed. A sower, a man hired by the landowner to go onto the ploughed field and to spread seed. The seed he was given by the farmer and by the landowner to go and scatter over the ploughed ground to spread the seed.

A sower went out to sow his seed and as he sowed, as he sowed some fell by the wayside. Some fell by the wayside, by the trodden footpath which run alongside of the ploughed field. A sower went out to sow his seed and as he sowed some fell by the wayside and it was trodden down.

It was trodden down and the fowls of the air devoured it. The fowls of the air, the birds ate it up and some fell upon a rock Jesus says in the next verse. Some fell upon a rock in Matthew's account of this parable in chapter 13 verse 5 of Matthew.

He says some fell upon stony places which had not much earth, which had not much earth. Some fell upon a rock Jesus says and as soon as it was sprung up it withered away because it lacked moisture, it lacked moisture and some fell among thorns, some fell among thorns and the thorns sprung up with it, the thorns sprung up with it and choked it, choked it and other fell on good ground, other fell on good ground and sprang up and bear fruit. Oh hallelujah! And bear fruit a hundred fold, a hundred fold and when he had said these things he cried, he that hath ears to hear let him hear.

He that hath ears to hear let him hear and his disciples asked him saying what might this parable be and he said unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God but to others in parables that seeing they might not see and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this, the parable is this, the seed, the seed is the Word of God, the seed is the Word of God. Those by the wayside, those by the wayside are they that hear, they that hear, they that hear then cometh the devil.

In Mark's account of this parable in chapter 4 verse 15 he says Satan cometh immediately, immediately then cometh the devil and taketh away the Word, the Word out of their hearts lest they should believe and be saved. Those by the wayside are they that hear then cometh the devil and taketh away the Word out of their hearts lest they should believe and be saved. They in the rock are they which when they hear receive the Word with joy.

They in the rock are they which when they hear receive the Word with joy. These have no root which for a while believe, which for a while believe and in time of temptation fall away, fall away. And that, and that which fell among thorns are they which when they have heard, when they have heard go forth and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life and bring no fruit to perfection.

When they have heard go forth and are choked with cares, cares, cares and riches, riches, riches and pleasures of this life and bring no fruit to perfection, bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they which in an honest and good heart which in an honest and good heart having heard the Word keep it, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience and bring forth fruit with patience. Now beloved, Jesus said when he spoke this parable to religious people, but people who were not saved, Jesus said when he had said these words to them he said, he that hath ears to hear, let him hear what was he saying.

Guard yourself, guard yourself now that you don't close your heart and understanding. You can, you have a free will. Guard yourself, guard yourself and take care right now as you listen to these words then and through the ages to this meeting God had in mind.

Be careful, guard yourself that you don't close your heart and mind and understanding and conscience to the working of the Holy Spirit to you as an individual in this moment. When you hear these words, take care that you don't close your mind and heart to God's convicting power to show you just what you are. Religious with a testimony, having heard the Word, receiving it with joy at some point in your life, but going to hell.

Be careful now, don't close your heart through bias, prejudice, doctrine, background for your soul's sake. If Jesus said it, forgive me, I'm not challenging your doctrine, I'm just telling you what he said. Be careful now, don't close your heart to such a parable.

A sower went out to sow his word, his seed. Now in his interpretation to his disciples, he says the seed is the word of God. The seed is the word of God.

Listen carefully to what God says happens when someone goes out and spreads the word of God. Listen to what God says happens to those that hear. James tells us, of his own will begat he us with the word.

With the word of truth. Of his own will wrought he birth. Spiritually, not physically.

No one's born a child of God, you're born a child of your mother and father, you must be born again. You become God's child, but how? The word. Of his own will gave he us birth to become his children.

Wrought he spiritual birth where we were born children of God, born spiritually. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth. He cries that out to the saved, but he cries out to the lost in the same chapter.

Receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls. Be careful what you do when you hear this word. It's able to save your souls.

Peter says being born again by the word of God. Paul cries out in Romans 1 verse 16, I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God. It is the power of God unto salvation.

To every one that believeth. You see by grace are you saved through faith. And faith cometh by hearing, hearing by the word of God.

As you put your faith by grace in what God promises from this book concerning the blood of his son. You're saved, but faith that which you're saved by comes by the word of God. Our soul went out to sow.

You see, listen to what Paul tells us in Romans 10 verse 13. Listen carefully here as to what God's doing through his word, how he's doing it. He says in his wonderful promise to all, for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

God cannot deny himself. He'll have to save you now. He can't promise you something he can reject if you obey.

Whosoever calleth upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. But it doesn't stop there. Listen to what God says now to warn us.

We're saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent as it is written? How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace. For a sower went out to sow his seed.

Hallelujah that God commissions men, God separates men to preach the gospel of Christ. The joy, the privilege that God gives us. Is there any greater privilege than for God to endure in me, to trust me, to entrust the gospel of Christ into my hands to go and preach this gospel.

To separate me unto the gospel, come left go everything. And I want to make you who are fishes, I want you to make fishes of men. I want you to leave everything, come I commission you.

Oh the joy, the privilege of being commissioned by God to go out and preach the gospel to every creature. But be careful now, it is not an easy road. I'm saying that very very carefully now.

It is not an easy road. It is a privileged road being commissioned by God to go out to leave all, to forsake all and follow me and to go out and reach men with the gospel. Oh it's a privileged road.

Don't stoop to be a king if God has called you to preach. William Carey said. Don't stoop to be, if I had ten lifetimes to live, though I've wept through so much of what came and all hell comes against you if you dare to go into the front line of the battle with this book.

If I had ten lifetimes over God, I would want to go the same road. Don't make me a billionaire with some hours of days and years just involved in money. I want souls.

Oh it's not an easy road, but it's a privileged road. Don't stoop now to anything the devil would offer you even if it's to be a king. Say no thank you.

Oh but be careful. Guard yourself now, don't let's lie. Too much is talked about being in heaven and earth, no wonder they come.

And they find they're not. In this world you shall have tribulation. Total onslaught, God promises.

Don't promise them anything less, okay? If they did it to me, they'll do it to you, Christ warned them. And look what they did to him. He warns those who would be his disciples, those who would preach the gospel to every creature, those who would spread the word, who would take out and scatter the word of God, the seed of God, every step they take, every breath in their body.

Be careful now. As privileged a road as it is, it is not an easy road. It is not an easy road.

But, but God has promised in Psalm 126 verse 5, they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. My word shall not return unto me void. God says to us that go sowing in tears.

God says they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weeping, God doesn't deny that. Show me a preacher that says it's an easy road.

He wasn't called by God. And he isn't doing God's work. But those of you that are commissioned, that preach, you know it's not an easy road.

Oh, he that goeth forth and weeping, bearing precious seed, carrying precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing in his sheaves with him. Hallelujah. God has promised there's fruit.

God has promised my word will not return unto me void, child. My word will not return unto me void. In the house we're staying, the glicks.

I see in one of the rooms, well almost every pluck on the whole house, every wall, you have to stop and absorb it. It's tiring. But you can't pass it.

Your conscience won't let you. Oh, I had to go and get a pen. I said, Lord, I can't sin.

Listen. He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly. God just struck me.

Oh. And he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9 verse 6. You preachers give everything, every breath in your body.

Don't hold back. Only what's done for Christ will last. Remember C.T. Studd, only one life to live, to soon be passed.

Only what's done for Christ will last. Oh, sow bountifully. Don't hold back.

Let every faculty of your being be on the altar of God to win this world for Christ once he's commissioned you. Though you sow in tears, you shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weeping, God tells you, bearing, carrying precious seed shall dauntless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him, going forth with weeping.

Sowing for the master, though the loss sustained, our spirit often grieves. When our weeping's over, he will bid us welcome. We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Oh, what a moment. Don't deny God what he wants of the blueprint of your life, preacher. Go out and sow bountifully.

Blessed is he that soweth on all waters. Don't you see four walls? The world is my parish. Because God loved the whole world, I don't want to love the Mennonite.

I don't want to love the charity. Believe it or not, I want to love the Calvinist. If there's any of you here, if they pursue Christ, I want to go out and somehow set everyone ablaze going out.

I want to bring the loss of every walk, of every persuasion to Christ that will allow me. And I want the privilege of every pulpit on earth. If God gives it to me, I'll become all things to all men.

If by any means, I won't be hypocritical, but I'll be anything to anyone. The Baptist won't let me preach in their pulpit without a tie. I'll wear a tie.

Yes, Mennonite, but if you don't want to listen to me with a tie, I won't wear a tie. I'm not a hypocrite. I just do what Paul says.

I'll become all things to all men. If by any means, I might win some because that's all I want in life. When you're a preacher, you don't love to preach.

If you're commissioned by God, you don't love to preach. You live to preach. Your life is consumed for God to sharpen you daily, hourly, by the minute, to keep you in tender touch, anointed, that you don't lose, that God doesn't have to bypass one opportunity without coming.

Everything is just consumed for God. If God has commissioned you, oh, but though all hell come against you and it will, don't think you're not going to grey overnight. Jesus didn't promise you that, friend.

Weeping is there, but though all hell rise against me, the preacher must go if God's commissioned him. You dare not, you dare not, dare not choose something else. Woe is me if I preach not the gospel of Christ.

If I fail to warn the sinner from the error of his way, that sinner shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hands, Ezekiel. If you fail when I've commissioned you, child, and the blueprint of your life that I laid out is trodden on, his blood will I require at thine hands, Ezekiel. Chapter 33, verse 7 of his book.

Oh, oh, but now, listen to something that's obnoxious. Can a preacher say that? Just to brace you, by the way. The sower must be saved.

The sower must be saved. Why would a man dare say such a thing in such a community, such a congregation? Because somehow the devil, this enemy, has worked it that I wonder what percentage of the world's pulpits that have a cross on the top of a building. The preachers are going to hell.

How Satan did it, I don't know. And tell me, have you spent one minute weeping about it, that God can undo it in your country? Does it grieve you? I want to cry out, I'm the only preacher left on earth who dares to, even if you never let me back in your country one day. Let one man just cry it loud and clear, what are you doing in the pulpit if you're going to hell, preacher? You must be born again.

If he's not born of God, born again, if he can't point to the moment God saved his soul from hell and the Holy Spirit bore witness with his spirit that he's saved, then all he becomes is what Christ is, a blind leader of the blind. He didn't have contempt, he didn't have disgust, he had grief that such a thing could be. Or you are, sirs, a blind leader of the blind if you stand there and you lead them to the ditch with you.

When you fall into hell, everyone that followed you because you said you knew the way, you knew this book, you knew the contents, you've been through the university, you know the Greek, you know the Hebrew, you know, but you don't know. What God says is the only thing that can happen that you can even understand this book is to be born of God. The natural man, the unsaved man cannot even discern this book.

You can learn the Greek backwards, you won't lead one soul to hell, you won't lead one soul to heaven, you'll lead them to hell with you. You'll be a blind leader of the blind, that's what Christ says and that's what you will be. Don't doubt that and not only that, you will eventually become an enemy of those that do preach truth.

You want to know why? Because you're going to feel threatened when someone comes with truth and your people suddenly hear truth and they didn't hear it from you because you didn't know it. And you will oppose those that preach the gospel. You'll become an enemy of God.

Don't tell me you won't. Don't tell me you'll allow that man in your vicinity to have your people near them. You'll fight, you'll oppose, you'll oppose, you'll oppose, God says.

Oh, it's tragic, all these verses. They shut up the kingdom of heaven against men for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer them that are entering to go in you. Stop men.

I don't know how many times I've preached the gospel over the last 37, 38 years this year. I don't know how many times men walked out with the gospel burning in their hearts, drunk people, people whose lives were smashed but somehow dragged. And they're preachers, knowing they came to hear the gospel in this big building or church that wants the gospel.

The preachers of the town who have years of academic intellectual understanding and learning of this book, they can't wait to get to the homes on the phone or wait at the gate even. To undo, to undermine what was preached in there. You shut, you don't want to go in yourself, but you eventually shut up those from entering in who want to enter in.

That's what you become if you're not saved. Don't tell me you won't. You know you will.

Oh, the Pharisees are alive and well on planet earth today. You honestly think Christ said all these words in the Bible just about people of his time? Oh, no. No, no, no.

No, no, no. You oppose the truth eventually, 2 Peter 2, verse 2, by whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. You'll oppose the gospel because you're threatened by it, because you didn't preach it, you don't know how to, you can't.

How can you tell people to be saved if you're not saved yourself? You'll oppose, God says. 2 Peter 2, verse 12, you speak evil of things that you understand not. You will, you'll undermine the preacher.

You'll look upon them from the devil, not from God. And like they said of Christ, the old priest, be careful you don't fight God himself. To the religious leaders, oh, be careful, be careful, be careful.

2 Peter 2, verse 19, while they promised them liberty, they themselves are still the servants of corruption. What do you offer man if you're still a servant of sin? If the Son of God has not set you free and free indeed. Who separate themselves, not having the spirit, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.

You deny that God can save men so. That men can know that they've passed from death unto life. That the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we're saved, that we know we've passed.

Oh, these things have I written unto you that believe in the name of the Son of God, that he may know. But you can't preach that. So what, you undermine, you oppose.

And then to build up a tendency is what you don't do. In the name of religion, as if you've been fruitful. Oh, you compass land and sea to make one proselyte.

You pour your life out so to get another member. And when he's made, you make him twofold more a child of hell than yourself. And tell me you don't.

What does he repent from? What does he save from under your ministry? Name one thing. I even know a preacher who had a pub in his church hall. So that his congregation didn't have to go and drink with the sinners.

Good grief, what are you talking about? Blind. Blind. To any discernment of spiritual truths, let alone have the right to preach it.

Oh, listen. I'm not being facetious. I'm standing with a broken heart.

And in my broken, can you imagine, Christ's heart? At what mount of people on this earth did he taste the death for? Because he tasted death for every man, sir. Hear from you a lie. From you who oppose the truth.

From you who undermine and keep and fight. Because you're threatened by it when it comes near because you don't know it yourself. Oh, get out of the pulpit for God's sake.

If you're not born again. For man's sake, get out of the pulpit. Please, preacher.

Sower, you must be saved. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away.

Behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. Who did he say that? To those who've been reconciled to God.

He has given to us who've been reconciled. But if you've never known a moment of reconciliation with God, through Christ Jesus, how can you have the ministry of reconciliation? Leave the pulpit for God's sake. And for every single soul that will go to hell, because you are the one leading them.

Saying you know the way. The message of this book. And they content that that's it.

That's all God offers. Oh, please be careful, sower. Be careful, but now, remember.

Remember what Christ said. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. Don't close your heart now, your mind, your understanding, to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

I want us tonight to look carefully at what Christ says happens when the gospel is preached. When the sower spreads the word of God, what tragically happens as he's preaching the pure word of God. I want tonight for every one of us to just open our hearts to what Christ says happens to see if that didn't happen to you.

That Christ warns, happens when the word of God is proclaimed, spread. In truth, did this happen to you? A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, as he sowed, some fell by the wayside.

Some fell by the wayside, and it was trodden down. And the fowls of the air devoured it. Now, in his interpretation to his disciples, he says, those by the wayside are they that hear, like you are, right now.

So, he's speaking about people here. Oh, don't you think that's possible? Are they that hear, then cometh the devil, then cometh the devil, the devil cometh immediately, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. Oh, what is God saying here? You hearing, straightway, Satan cometh immediately.

Listen, not in five minutes time at the end of the service. It can be, but immediately, do you honestly think he's not a terrible enemy? Do you honestly think that this world is anything less than the battlefield between God and Satan for the souls of men? If you don't know that, you must be pretty confused about what's going on. You must think God's lost control.

Listen, Satan cometh immediately. Those by the wayside are they that hear, and while you hear, Satan cometh immediately to take away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. How does the devil do that? How can Satan do that, that a person who hears the gospel of Christ, he can stop that person from seeking God to save his soul from hell? How does Satan do that, that a man who hears the gospel of Christ, Satan can stop him immediately? What does he do? How does Satan do that? Brace yourself now.

He uses any means available, anyone available, anything available, and he won't wait a split second longer than he takes to find something or someone available for use, to distract. Listen, your closest friend could actually be your worst enemy in the light of eternity. Has that ever occurred to you young people? Anything, anyone, your closest friend might not be here, might never ever once have come, and never ever come till the day he dies to this place, apart from to play the fool with God, he's not interested, he's not going to seek God, he never has, it's like water of a duck, but you're his closest friend, alright? Do you honestly think Satan isn't going to use him if he's here to play the fool? No matter who is preaching.

Do you honestly think such people, I cannot tell you of the occasions I have seen over thirty something years of preaching where I saw distractions going on where every single person close to that one person that wanted to play the fool, though they were hearing the gospel, they were going to hell, they were distracted, some even laughing aloud by the distraction, do you think that was just the person? No, that was the devil, he found someone available. Are you available for Satan's use? Will you please answer God? If you don't want to answer yourself. Do you honestly believe Satan can't come through people who are playing the fool with God in meetings, in religious circles, even your family.

A man's enemies are the members of his own household. If they try and keep him from embracing the gospel and going through with God, they can be your worst enemy. If they oppose Christ, I have seen men physically throw their wives onto the ground out of the door and curse them and tell them you lose the children, you lose me, you lose everything if you choose Christ.

And they lost everything if they did. Do you think the devil won't use your own loved ones if they hate God? And you want God? And you want to listen? I know a man, I know a man, I know the boy. The father beat this boy so badly that I shocked.

He punched him screaming, I'll beat God out of you. I'll beat God out of you. You won't be a fanatic like your mother.

That boy became a jailbird, stealing cars, selling drugs. To this day, a man now, most of his life was in jail. Satan just wants somebody available.

Oh, brace yourselves, he can use anything available to him. He can use Christians. Do you honestly think Satan hasn't used born-again believers that the unsaved know this is a saved soldier and they weren't guarding themselves and the unsaved now hear the gospel, they're stirred, they're broken.

And Satan comes immediately, there's a Christian they know. And Satan orchestrates circumstances straight away. And he knows you're going to watch.

And you look at this and you stumble over it and you close your heart and say, well, that's it. Do you think that hasn't happened? Do you think the devil didn't make that person look and be just in the spot? Man, he'll build a grandstand if he knows you're going to fail in a certain circumstance because of a certain weakness and you're not on guard as you ought to be. How many people are going to hell through Christians' lives causing them to close their hearts to God's gospel? I want you to answer God if you think it's not possible.

He can use preachers. Oh, preachers, guard yourself. Paul cries out, guard yourself.

By any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be accost away. I bring my body into subjection. Oh, when you preach, for God's sake, watch out the next seconds after you finish preaching at the door.

Watch out the next seconds as people who are now stirred and the seed is there that you're not guarding yourself, guarding and discipline, watching over anything the devil would do in prayer now that you've delivered the message that you don't be the means by which they'll never listen to the gospel again as they see you fall. He can use Christians fighting, warring. How many people have walked into an evangelical church, perhaps the only one in the town, the only one in the vicinity that preaches truth.

How many have walked out because they walked into the church when they were at war against each other and they didn't care about souls. You lose all discernment when you're at war against each other, let alone discern or care for a soul Christ died for. That's the last thing you'll ever even consider as important if you're at war.

Be careful, take heed, as you bite and devour, what can't Satan use if you're available to come immediately and take away the word out of the... He can use theologians with degrees coming out the door of theology, Hebrew, Greek, but he's going to hell. He can use liberal theologians, he can use them

to undermine, to undermine the preaching of the word of God within moments. He can get them there and preach the truth.

He can use things you can't believe. I'm not preaching at you with babies, so don't get guilty, okay? I was in a meeting where a baby so screamed with such torment, screaming and crying his little face so red, the tears, I don't know how the baby didn't just fall asleep from exhaustion 90% of that congregation didn't hear a word. If they did, it couldn't reach the heart.

At the door, I happened to stand at the door of this church with this preacher and he shook me. He said to this woman, as one woman walked past with this baby, I watched you lady, I watched you cruelly pinch this child. You pinched your child.

What sort of a woman are you? What did you come here for? You kept the unsaved from hearing the gospel tonight. Single-handedly, you broke a preacher down that had prepared himself by God. You didn't care about the souls.

Were you making a statement that no matter, even if souls go to hell, even if the minister loses his liberty, everything is prepared. Your statement is I'm sitting and I'm going to make... You wouldn't move. You had no compassion.

What were you doing tonight? Did God send you here? Or did Satan? You didn't know I was watching. I thought it can't be. In the end, I moved around.

I looked at you and you pinched that child so cruelly. What sort of a mother are you? He began to weep. What sort of a woman are you? What did you come here for? For God's sake, woman.

She just... She ran. No excuse, no argument. No denying it.

Maybe to close her own conscience, she just had to get this child upset so long as she didn't have to hear. Even if people go to hell with her. Do you think... I want to ask you all something.

It will shock you. Are you available for Satan's use? To come immediately. To take the word of God, whether you're a preacher that's not guarding, whether you're Christians at war with each other, that people don't know you by your love and that's the only thing they will know you, truly my disciples, if you have loved one for another.

Once they're at war, how can you honestly want them... Are you available for Satan's use? Christians? Who others... How many have stumbled over your sin in your own home, let alone further afield? Because you won't get to grips with God. Listen. Mothers.

Young people. Members of families. Are you available for Satan? He'll use anything available.

Immediately it's available. The moment he won't even wait for the end of the meeting. I want to ask you another question.

You who are unsaved. Will you allow the devil using those things available to keep you from eternal life? I want to ask you now. Have you up to now? The word was taken right out of your hearts.

God brought you here tonight to say, look, in spite of that you'll be judged. For looking for an excuse, for finding an excuse, for allowing it to close the heart. Have you closed your heart and allowed Satan to take

the word out because of the things the devil did? Those by the wayside, are they that hear? Then cometh the devil.

Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the word out of their hearts lest they should believe and be saved. That can happen, God warns. You that have ears for God's sake, listen now, for your soul's sake.

You that are the causes of stumbling blocks for God's sake, listen now. Satan can use anything available and some fell upon a rock, upon stony places which had not much earth and as soon as it was sprung up it withered away because it lacked moisture, Jesus said. They on the rock are they which when they hear receive the word with joy.

Did you, can you point back to when you were and when you did that? Answer God. So isn't it arguing now that the devil kept you from hearing, the devil took the word out of your heart through everything else he could use that you couldn't embrace it and let it bring forth eternal life? Listen, they when they hear receive the word with joy. You heard it, you received it, you weren't opposed, you received the word with joy.

And these, and I believe this broke Christ's heart and grieved him to say these words but he had to have no root which for a while doesn't say how long, believe. You argue with Christ if you say that's not possible. Please don't argue with me.

I'm not here challenging any doctrine on earth, I'm not interested in doctrinal statements on both sides of the scale. Don't you stop me from preaching God's word or quoting any scriptures though. That isn't your pet theory or doctrine.

Listen, these have no root. With joy they received the word, they didn't have a position as it were. These have no root which for a while believe, believe and in time of temptation fall away.

Did that happen to you? And you're still hanging on to a testimony because you came out and received it with joy? Jesus said this can happen which for a while believe. Listen carefully now, unbiased please, unthreatened please, just for your soul's sake and others. Hebrews 3 verse 12 Take heed brethren lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.

But exhort one another daily while it is called today lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Can I repeat it please? Will you allow a man in this generation where one statement will bury you to every pulpit even if you quoted the scriptures? Will you please let me repeat it? For we are made partakers of Christ if if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.

Please argue with God and don't tell me I'm quoting it out of its context. I haven't even got a context. It's just God's word.

Hebrews 10 verse 38 Now the just shall live by faith. That means those who are rightly related to God there's one way through faith. But if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

But we are not of them which draw back. We are not of them who draw back unto perdition. Spiritual destruction.

Perdition. We are not of them who draw back unto perdition but of them who believe that believe to the saving of the soul. We are not of them who draw back unto perdition but of them that believe to the saving

of the soul.

1 John 2 verse 19 They went out from us but they were not of us for if they had been of us they would no doubt have continued with us. But they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. Do you think people who just receive the word with joy that's it? I'm not asking you if you have a testimony.

I'm not asking if you came out and received it with joy embraced the gospel. I'm asking what is Christ speaking about? What is Christ speaking about? When he says these words 2 Peter 2 verse 20 Listen to Peter If after they have escaped the pollution of the world through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior they are again entangled therein and overcome the latter end is worse with them than the beginning for it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than after they have known it to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. Cut it out of your Bible with scissors please sir but don't walk into the proof of the Bible you won't quote every verse.

And say you proclaim the full revelation of God you don't if you're drowned to anything even in the Bible even if Christ said it that opposes your understanding and select a little group you've nailed your colors to the mast.

Forgive me forgive me They on the rock are they which when they hear receive the word of joy and these have no root which for a while believe and in time of temptation for a while Mark says they endure but only for a time not to the end if ye continue he that endureth unto the end shall be saved I could quote and quote and quote and quote which for a while believe and in time of temptation fall away and some fell some fell among thorns and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it and that which fell among thorns Jesus says are they which when they have heard go forth and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life and bring no fruit to perfection what does that mean it does mean that they responded there is an initial response but it was drowned God was drowned in their

hearts before salvation and truth could have its effect in my heart I know of the things that drown out God before the gospel could have had its effect in my heart they bring no fruit oh there was a response there had to be otherwise he wouldn't talk the word fruit it's too valuable by God to use if there wasn't some response there was a response is that you God speaking about let's look at it for a moment they choked with cares of this life staggering words choked destroyed with cares you wouldn't let go of everything to find that one pearl of great price you held on to the things your conscience your whole being was telling you will destroy that seed before it brings forth eternal will just choke the effect of the gospel the initial response is just going to be drowned out because you

wouldn't let go of everything carefully here they that will be rich 1 Timothy 6 verse 9 fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition the word perdition spiritual destruction for the love of money is the root of all evil which while some coveted after they have erred they've gone from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows oh they choked with cares and riches the more you have the more you've got to worry about lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth that's a command you say you keep the commands of Christ thou shalt not commit adultery oh tell me this is also a command treasures upon earth where moth and rust are corrupt where thieves break through and steal but lay up for yourselves

treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust are corrupt where thieves do not break through nor steal for where your treasure is there will your heart be also you cannot serve God and mammon you cannot

serve God and be materialistic you say you can Jesus Christ says you can't you can't you cannot serve two masters you've got to let go of anything and everything that would keep you that would destroy and bring to perdition spiritual destruction if you're not willing to let go what God says let go before you drown and the effect of siege won't bring eternal life it won't bring you down it they choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God it doesn't mean they don't know about God that they didn't have an initial response no in its

context in its absolute perfect context they responded there was an embracing moment of this truth they bring no fruit to perfection nothing comes to eternal life the truth because they drowned it out it was choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life like Moses choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season which have you chosen I'm not asking you did you come out in a meeting I'm not asking if you prayed a sinner's prayer I'm asking you at the point that it could all be destroyed perdition before eternal life really was wrought by God's grace in your heart and the seed brought forth eternal life tell me was it drowned out by these things 1 John 2 verse 15 love not the world neither the things that are in the world

if any man love the world the love of the father is not in him for all that is in the world the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the father but of the world and the world passeth away and the lust thereof but whosoever doeth the will of God he that doeth the will of God abideth forever are you going to abide forever or do you love the world unsure of God there's no middle way there's no possibility you that love the world the love of the father is not in you don't lie to yourself don't deceive yourself that which fell among thorns are they which having heard the word go forth responding yes in its context and are choked destroyed with cares and riches and pleasures of this life tell me that seed that pearl of great price that you so want that

you're willing to sell everything you have to obtain it not 90% so you have a little bit to back you're willing to part with anything everything anything that drowns out the possibility of this seed bringing forth eternal life on you going through with God have you done that or are you choked destroyed with cares because you weren't willing to give up everything that kept you from God's eternity which demanded all the things you've held on to with cares and riches and pleasures of this life and bring no fruit to perfection it's drowned destroyed because you wouldn't you didn't want that pearl enough you held on to the things that destroyed the seed is that what happened to you he that has ears for God's sake let him hear tonight because you're probably never going to hear this again in

your life I'd be shocked if you do but that on the good ground a day which when they have heard which in an honest and good heart having heard the word keep it now that will cost you everything the man who led me to Christ said they say it's free they lie it costs you everything Keith everything everything are you willing for that to count the cost before you make a move and say whatever the cost I want that pearl I lose friends I lose anything but not my soul because of this eternal life the gift of eternal life which is through Christ Jesus which when they have heard in an honest and good heart having heard the word keep it and bring forth fruit with patience I love that do you know what that means it's really bring forth fruit that endures not just for a while believe bring forth fruit

that endures endures repentance that cannot be repented of he shall know them by their fruits Jesus said so I believe it do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit every tree that bringeth not

forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire is hewn down and cast into the fire Christ says not everyone that saith unto me Lord Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven many will say to me in that day Lord Lord have we not prophesied in thy name he didn't say a small percentage of preachers

he said many preachers many he's talking about preachers prophesying in thy name preaching many I wonder what percentage of preachers in this country alone standing behind pulpits are going to hell ask yourself preacher if you ever hear this who's he speaking of many will say to me in that day Lord Lord have we not prophesied in thy name in thy name have cast out devils is that possible in thy name cast out devils is that possible yes don't ask me theologically tragically I can't fight with theologians if you're there for the doctrine get out of the pulpit I'm here for the soul so I just quote everything that God told me to quote many will say to me many many will say to me in that day Lord Lord have we not prophesied preached in thy name in thy name have cast out devils and in thy name

done many wonderful works miracles literally wonder works miracles in thy name and then will I profess unto them I never knew you depart from me ye that work iniquity you that never turn from the life of sin let everyone that name me the name of Christ depart from iniquity or don't ever name the name of Christ again God says not me until you depart from iniquity stop preaching stop casting out devils goodness me what power is there happening turn or burn the old preacher said say it today you burn be not deceived no unrighteous person shall enter the kingdom of heaven not that defilers shall enter therein and he names the sins do you want to argue theologians denominations tell me something the day you try and undermine this book what foundation have you got show you undermining your only

foundation preacher churches undermine this book the standard of this book don't you tell me people who do not turn from these lifestyles or when God says be not deceived be ye doers of the word not hearers only deceiving your own selves oh you can hear till doomsday the devils also believe if you think believing is enough but they tremble at least they tremble knowing they're going to hell believing they don't doubt one word but wilt thou know oh vain man that faith without works is dead is worthless totally yea a man may say thou hast faith I have works show me thy faith without thy works I will show thee my faith by my works thou believest that there's one God thou doest well the devils also believe and tremble but wilt thou know oh vain man that faith without works is dead worthless

in God's eyes by the way and it's only God's eyes that matter it doesn't mean you're saved by works no you're saved by faith but you're not saved unless your faith works it's not saving faith unless you're saved your faith brings your life to correspond with everything God said is the evidence of salvation or otherwise you're going to hell and that's what I've tried to preach tonight he that hath ears to hear let him hear I want to close with a staggering staggering staggering portion of scripture listen carefully don't close now Matthew 13 verse 24 the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed which sowed good seed in his field but while men slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat tares means danner it looks like wheat exactly you only find out it's a

weed because it doesn't bring any fruit you want to ruin a farmer in the old days of the bible when men sleep you go onto your enemy's property and among all his crops you just throw danner this tares you destroy him financially an enemy could do that you could bankrupt him everything all his crops will fail depending to what degree while men slept you had time while men slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat careful now think about that and went his way but when the blade was sprung up and brought forth fruit then appeared the tares also with them so the servants of the householder came and

said unto him sir didst not thou sow good seed in thy field from whence then hath it tares he said unto them an enemy an enemy hath done this the servants said unto him wilt thou then

that we go and gather them up but he said nay lest while you gather up the tares you root up also the wheat with them let both grow together listen carefully now let both grow together until the harvest and in the time of harvest i will say to the reapers gather ye together first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them but gather the wheat into my barn what does that mean bring my people home set the prisoners of earth free bring them to heaven gather ye together first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them but gather the wheat into my barn listen to these few words that's all about this the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a certain man which sowed good seed in his field but while men slept they say don't spiritualize the parables good grief sir how can you not without

defying common sense in the light of the whole bible while men slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat among the wheat and went his way if the church of Jesus Christ beloved in any generation is lulled to sleep is not awake intensely in warfare on their knees calling upon God for the earth of this oh if they're not there crying out in warfare what will happen Jesus tells you ye are the salt of the earth but be careful now that the salt have lost its savor its effectiveness it lends forth good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men I wonder what percentage of the evangelical church is that right now in our generation why because they're not awake and what's happening we're finding in the midst of the evangelical circles in the pews you don't know

the difference between a saved and an unsaved person and we dare not ask or question they have testimonies why we leave the one word out repent you know come receive accept but not repent how many have come received but they've never repented they have testimonies the day you let them come receive but you didn't know they had to count the cost and repent repent ye therefore and be ye converted that your sins may be blotted out whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sins the same shall have mercy show me a verse in the bible where you find mercy apart from repenting how do you preach the gospel without the word repent you damn multitudes of certain evangelical churches singing the praises of God but going to hell because when they walk out there that's all they are it's the world sitting in

the church comfortable because the church is pretty comfortable in the world right now and they don't know the difference and they dare not preach the difference because they're so compromising the fine edge of the sword has been blunted they don't want a clear call is not cried out a trumpet call is not clear there's not a there's a watering down there's no such a thing anymore as the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword piercing undoing a man a man undone because of their sin under your ministry let me tell you something if the church was what it should be if we're not sleeping we're praying through we're guarding the pulpits with our prayers we're getting people out of the pulpits by our prayers we're keeping people who are compromising getting them

awakened through our crying and groaning to God the day that happens the world can't be comfortable in the church unless they repent they'll run and the church won't dare be comfortable in the world because men will see their lives and eventually through lives alone your epistle written not with ink but by the spirit of God men will see the whole epistle lived through your life by your works by the good works that God performed they'll come to glorify God through your life that's what happens when the church is awake but when it's asleep when it's lulled to sleep it's good for nothing trodden underfoot of men despised there's no fear of the church there's not even a concern about them because they're just religious but they so much like the world what do they turn oh church of Jesus

Christ I cry out I'm the only man left on this earth awake for God's sake for souls sake from what the devil's doing and through all the unsaved there is a sprue that you just dare not challenge they say they're fighting our music and so the world's music is brought in and what I thought I was saved from when I last went to a disco I got a face in the church now but people that dress like the very same people in those entertaining groups look at the covers of their how do you say that's saved saved for what that's right oh you're getting people saved from any standard even if it's the scriptures it's legalistic bondage separationist judgmental you preach Christ you preach as words word perfect I wonder what percentage of the church of Jesus Christ worldwide would get up no the church

generally which is called would get up and walk out of the church of Jesus Christ himself stood and said word perfect what he said in this book and what percentage would do when we quote exactly without undermining or writing books to explain away or apologize why Christ said that I wonder what percentage of the church would get up and walk out if we just said what Jesus said full stop even if we lose 80% of those who are guilty but flat out for God's sake have a few rows filled with people who want the pure word of God than have a church full of hypocrites going to hell for their tithe or what is it you want sir oh for God's sake church of Jesus Christ awake from the sleep oh men will go to hell in their masses by your undermining the truth by your watering down the sharp edge of the

sword and being offended by any man who talks of hell because you lose attendance get rid of all this entertainment for God's sake men are not won by entertainment it's by the foolishness of the preaching of the word of God try any other means brother, sister you're in trouble I don't say God can't use godly, sanctified singing with words that are meaningful but replace the gospel of Christ with that and you're in trouble with God let me tell you and you sending people to hell God's way is the preaching of the word as a sword not no undermining attached church of Jesus Christ get down in the warfare that we need to get get right with God oh, if God doesn't come and revive his people and get them down in warfare what will be left do you honestly think America is spared one second for any

other reason than that there are people still left who are right with God who haven't bowed the need to bow do you honestly think you have any right to be blessed any beyond what the Roman Empire was or any other empire that crumbled when they turned to sin and denied decency oh, church of Jesus Christ the scales will tip if you don't get down into this land and start seeking God and being the salt of the earth again on your knees awake not while men are sleeping the devil can do what he wants to and bring in our midst unsaved in their masses with testimonies while they go to hell and we dare not touch them because that's about all we gave them in our pulpits that's all oh have mercy on us God and sinners did God touch you tonight you who the devil came straight away took it out of your

hearts you stumbled and God's confronting you again you'll still be judged it's your personal choice you won't hide behind anybody they some of them will wish they had a mill stood around their neck so they can be cast rather than to face God for the stumbling block they were to people by their sins how many of you received this word with joy but you back in that world full flat out with your sin you're in a life of sin there was no repentance that survived we are made partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end do you want to argue with God for God's sake don't get up and argue with me with some pet doctrine sir I'll be a Calvinist when I need to be in this pulpit I'll quote there verses that Calvin will shout hallelujah from heaven but if I need

to be a Wesleyan I'll be one I'm not branding my colors to any mass sir if I quote the full word of God so don't you brand me to any group because I might just lose the privilege of preaching everything that God

needs us to preach to make men stop going to hell in evangelical churches were you choked swamped drowned destroyed you know there was an initial response with cares riches you haven't let go are you going to go to hell what profit if a man gains the whole world and loses his own soul for God's sake throw it away pleasures of this life have you embraced that lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God be honest every one of you were you in an honest and good heart having heard the word care received you kept it not for a while believe you endured embraced it having heard it does

of the word not sinless perfectionists but you turned from a life of sin because Christ set you free and free indeed and you're kept by the power of God I'm a Calvinist now you know comma through faith I'm a Wesleyan mini sorry I mean I I'm kept by it but something I've got to do good grief sir and you're offended at me that in one verse you can't even say your doctrine holds let alone one chapter I want to ask every single person in this building if God's spoken to you be careful he might never ever again in your life speak to you like this don't doubt that now you've got ears to hear for God's sake don't close your heart while you can hear now is the acceptable time today is the day of salvation if you will harden not your hearts I can save you now I want anyone who knows that what they

have won't stand the test in Christ's moment of judgment to be willing to come to God and say I let go of everything to have this pearl I let go of the pleasures I let go I threw away a false foundation I was back in the world and even worse as the Bible said and I'm holding on to a testimony but because I received it with joy I want everything every single person who God spoke in in any way no matter who you are be a child or a preacher who would say God while thou art speaking in case thou does never speak again I stand before thee in the light counting the cost with my whole heart and intellect and I embrace the blood of Christ no matter what the cost to find this pearl tonight and I'll hold on and I'll endure by thy grace to the end and I'll give up even if I lose every friend I have

on earth everything I have on earth but I won't lose my soul I just won't take that chance of eternity I want those of you and I know it's hard after a message like this who say God here's my soul here's my life save me in truth this time I've counted the cost and I'm willing for it and I was promised I will in no wise turn away anyone who comes to thee through Christ Jesus through the dead that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved ask it shall be given unto you seek it shall find knock it shall be opened unto you oh I cannot deny it God I believe it thou would not turn me away thou will save me if I count the cost in truth and I have tonight and I'm going to embrace Christ if I lose the whole world doing it I'm going to embrace it and I know God will save me I

know God will save me and by his grace keep me to the end I want those who desperately need to cry out to God tonight for all the false foundation or all the stumbling blocks or everything that you've held onto that's destroyed who say tonight this is it God

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