

TO THE ONE WHO HAS, MORE SHALL BE GIVEN
(Mark 4: 2- 11; 23-25; Luke 19:12-26)

And He taught them many things in parables, and in His teaching He said to them: Give attention to this! Behold, a sower went to sow (Mark 4:2,3). From the time that the Israel's authorities hardened their hearts to the teachings of Yahshua and considered Him to be under the influence of demons, He then used the meanings of parables to teach them. Everyone was left in the dark except His disciples whom were given the interpretation, as He said to them, To you has been entrusted the mystery of the kingdom of God; but for those outside everything becomes a parable (vs. 11). As we see in this parable, the hearts of men –hard as a path, hard as rocks, difficult and stubborn as thorns failed to receive the Word given them. Only those whose hearts are soft to hear the Word, will be blessed with the understanding of it. Yahshua said, If any man has **ears to hear**, let him be listening and let him perceive and comprehend. That means, let him be making a conscious effort to hear, to take advice; to pay close attention to, to grasp mentally and understand.

The truth we hear must be received with a conscious and mental effort to acquire a deeper understanding and insight into it. Yahshua said that the measure in which we give attention to the truth we hear will be the measure of insight and understanding that will come back to us and more, and that's why he who has, more will be given. In his diligence and faithfulness to the Word of Yahweh in his diligence in studying it and applying it to his heart, he will be diligent in obedience in sharing it and investing into the kingdom of Yahweh. For him who has will more be given; and from him who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away (Mark 4:23-25).

More will be given to the one who has. In the theory of life this doesn't make sense neither is reasonable. This profound saying of Yahshua is found in the parable of a nobleman who had left for a faraway country to obtain for himself a kingdom and returning afterwards. In it there is a lesson and a command for the believer in Him to heed and consider: that is to invest in the kingdom what was has given him, for it will be a day when he will have to give God an account of what He has entrusted him to do. In this parable, one of the king's bondservants showed indifference to the command to invest the money, by hiding it. His bank account stayed empty and he had nothing to show when the time had come for him to give an account of his investment. To him the master said, Take the mina away from him and give it to him who has the ten minas. He very much represents a life of a believer who cares less that the world around him stays in spiritual darkness; his lamp lacks the oil that makes it shine truth, because his fears and cowardice control his life. He also lacks zeal, understanding and insight into the Word of God, for not investing his time studying to acquire knowledge and understanding of it. His heart is like the rocky and thorny grounds, where the seed planted is suffocated, or with no space for it to grow its roots; he is a useless servant in the kingdom of Yahweh.

To the first bondservant who had doubled the investment into the kingdom, he said, Well done, excellent bond servant! Because you have been faithful and trustworthy in very little, you shall have authority over ten cities. This servant is not ashamed neither is he afraid to set his lamp of truth on a lampstand wherever he goes, letting all to know about the love of God, bringing

many to Yahweh's truth and salvation. His heart is like that of good soil: he heard the Word, he received and accepted it and welcomed it by studying and acquiring knowledge, understanding and insight into it; he bore much fruit for the kingdom of God.

Yahshua tells us to proclaim and plant His Word in the hearts of men, and bring them to the kingdom. Yahweh's truth is a lamp that needs to be put on a lampstand so the world can be benefited by it. His Word revives and gives life (Psalm 119:50); it is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path (119:105); the unfolding of it gives light, gives understanding (Psalm 119:130).

The believer has been entrusted the secret and counsels of Yahweh; Yahshua said to the disciples, To you has been entrusted the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those outside everything becomes a parable (Mark 4:11), and I do not call you servants any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you My friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father (John 15:15). Yahshua is the Living Word of Yahweh; His Holy Spirit is His mind. The believer has the mind of Christ living in him, and He has the incarnate Word of Yahweh, Yahshua, Who saved him. The privilege entrusted to the believer- the secret and counsel of Yahweh must be appreciated and treasured; he must apply himself to know Yahweh and His Word – His Son, Yahshua.

Remember, the measure in which we give heed to the truth of Yahweh, is the measure of insight and understanding that will come back to us. Don't lose it and be found spiritually bankrupted and in the darkness.

The goal of every true believer should be that which Paul left to Timothy: to study and be eager and to do the utmost to present himself to Yahweh approved a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing the Word of Truth (II Timothy 2:15) and the promise is that more will be given him as in the parable Yahshua told His disciples. Let the Word of Yahweh lie upon your heart and let it shine its truth, for the unfolding of Yahweh's Word gives understanding and insight to those who seek Him with all their heart. Let His Word remain in you to fulfill the purpose for which was sent to you. Think over these things, and may the Lord grant you full insight and understanding of His Word, as you seek to know Him more intimately.

THINK ABOUT IT!