

## Luke 8:1-25 Secrets of the Kingdom

Kingdom secrets, mysteries, and hidden knowledge or information have been kept from men since Creation. Moses, the Judges, Kings, and Prophets in all their wisdom and knowledge were limited in their understanding of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God, until Yeshua!

The Prophets prophesied what they were given concerning Yeshua, often without the interpretation of the prophecies they were instructed to give.

In this passage of Luke, Yeshua reveals to His Disciples, and to us, secrets and insights the Prophets and righteous men of old longed to hear and see but were not revealed to them.

Lk 8:1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve *were* with him,

Lk 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

Lk 8:3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

There were many women who followed Yeshua as His Disciples. They served Him and supported Him from their personal wealth.

Lk 8:4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

Lk 8:5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

Lk 8:6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

Lk 8:7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

Lk 8:8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Lk 8:9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

Lk 8:10 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.

Mysteries – **3466 μυστήριον** musterion {moos-tay'-ree-on} **Meaning:** 1) hidden thing, secret, mystery 1a) generally mysteries, religious secrets, confided only to the initiated and not to ordinary mortals 1b) a hidden or secret thing, not obvious to the understanding 1c) a hidden purpose or counsel 1c1) secret will 1c1a) of men 1c1b) of God: the secret counsels which govern God in dealing with the righteous, which are hidden from ungodly and wicked men but plain to the godly 3) in rabbinic writings, it denotes the mystic or hidden sense: of an OT saying, of an image or form seen in a vision, of a dream

**Usage:** AV - mystery 27; 27

Lk 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

The seed is the Word of God.

Yeshua is the Word of God.

Yeshua the Son of God is the seed (The Word made Flesh) planted by YeHoVaH in the earth to yield a Kingdom of gods, (Sons and Daughters of God).

The **greatest mystery** is knowing that Yeshua is the **WORD** of God, not just the Son of God who took on human flesh.

People call Yeshua many things:

Savior, Lord, Christ/Messiah, The Prophet, King of kings, etc.

Some argue about the Name ...

Rev 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God**.

Faith in Christ/Messiah is obeying the Word of God.

Faith in God is obeying His Word.

Lk 8:12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

The devil takes the word out of their hearts.

Hearts – **2588 καρδία** kardia {kar-dee'-ah}

**Meaning:** 1) the heart 1a) that organ in the animal body which is the centre of the circulation of the blood, and hence was regarded as the seat of physical life 1b) denotes the centre of all physical and spiritual life 2a) the vigour and sense of physical life 2b) the centre and seat of spiritual life 2b1) the soul or mind, as it is the fountain and seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavours 2b2) of the understanding, the faculty and seat of the intelligence 2b3) of the will and character 2b4) of the soul so far as it is affected and stirred in a bad way or good, or of the soul as the seat of the sensibilities, affections, emotions, desires, appetites, passions 1c) of the middle or central or inmost part of anything, even though inanimate

**Usage:** AV - heart 159, broken hearted + 4937 1; 160

Lk 8:13 They on the rock *are they*, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

They are led away by their temptations.

Lk 8:14 And that which fell among thorns 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.

People get caught up in life, family issues, worldly concerns, making money, and making a name for themselves.

They focus more on worldly prosperity than advancing the Kingdom of YeHoVaH in the world.

Lk 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Keep – **2722 κατέχω** katecho {kat-ekh'-o}

**Meaning:** 1) to hold back, detain, retain 1a) from going away 1b) to restrain, hinder (the course or progress of) 1b1) that which hinders, AntiMessiah from making his appearance

**Usage:** AV - hold 3, hold fast 3, keep 2, possess 2, stay 1, take 1, have 1, make 1, misc 5; 19

Lk 8:16 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth *it* under a bed; but setteth *it* on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

When the seed has been sown in good ground, it is not hidden.

Lk 8:17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither *any thing* hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Lk 8:18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

How – **4459 πῶς** pos {poce}

**Meaning:** 1) how, in what way

**Usage:** AV - how 99, by what means 2, after what manner 1, that 1; 103

Hear – **191 ἀκούω** akouo {ak-oo'-o}

**Meaning:** 1) to be endowed with the faculty of hearing, not deaf 2) to hear 2b) to attend to, consider what is or has been said 2c) to understand, perceive the sense of what is said 3) to hear something 3a) to perceive by the ear what is announced in one's presence 3b) to get by hearing learn 3c) a thing comes to one's ears, to find out, learn 3e) to give ear to a teaching or a teacher 3f) to comprehend, to understand

**Usage:** AV - hear 418, hearken 6, give audience 3, hearer 2, misc 8; 437

## Unbelieving Family Members and Faith

Lk 8:19 Then came to him *his* mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press.

Lk 8:20 And it was told him *by certain* which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee.

Lk 8:21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

## His Family Members Did Not Believe in Him

Jn 7:5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

Jn 7:6 Then Yeshua said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.

## A Quick Lesson on Faith and Fear

Lk 8:22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

Lk 8:23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled *with water*, and were in jeopardy.

Lk 8:24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

Lk 8:25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

Afraid – **5399 φοβέω (φοβέομαι)** phobeo {fob-eh'-o} **Meaning:** 1) to put to flight by terrifying (to scare away) 1a) to put to flight, to flee 1b) to fear, be afraid 1b1) to be struck with fear, to be seized with alarm 1b1a) of those startled by strange sights or occurrences 1b1b) of those

struck with amazement 1b2) to fear, be afraid of one 1b3) to fear (i.e. hesitate) to do something (for fear of harm) 1c) to reverence, venerate, to treat with deference or reverential obedience

**Usage:** AV - fear 62, be afraid 23, be afraid of 5, reverence 1, misc 2; 93

After rebuking the wind and water, Yeshua questioned them about their faith.

“Where is your faith?”

Things happening around us (storms), can cause us to lose faith if we focus on the things (storms). We are to keep our eyes on the Author and Finisher of our faith in the midst of the storms we are experiencing.

### **A Few Secrets of the Kingdom in Reference to the Followers of Messiah: Us**

As followers of Messiah, to be effective in Kingdom services to YeHoVaH, it is important for you to understand some things:

As followers of Messiah, we live in two Kingdoms:

The Kingdom of God  
The Kingdom of men

There are two of You:

The old You  
The new You

The kingdom of men knows the old you and will try to:

- Define you
- Categorize you
- Hold you to worldly standards
- Keep you in the flesh and
- Have difficulty understanding you as being Kingdom minded

In the Kingdom of God/YeHoVaH, We Are

- Farmers/sowers who sow/plant
- Waterers who water
- Laborers of the Word

<sup>1Co 3:8</sup> Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

<sup>1Co 3:9</sup> For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Just as Mr. and Mrs. Adam were placed in the Garden of Eden to:

- dress/work/serve it
- keep/have charge/keep watch
- guard it

We have been strategically placed in the world to:

- dress/work/serve it
- keep/have charge/keep watch
- guard it

## **We Are Fishers of Men**

Mt 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

### **We Are the Salt of the Earth**

Mt 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

## **We Are the Light of the World**

Mt 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Mt 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

## **We Are Laborers and Reapers**

Jn 4:38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

1Co 3:9 (For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

## **We Are Ministers of Seed to the Sower**

2Co 9:10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

## **We Are Soldiers of Messiah**

2Ti 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Yeshua Messiah.

2Ti 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

## **We Are Messiah's Body**

1Co 12:27 Now ye are the body of Messiah, and members in particular.

## **Messiah Is the Head**

When the Body does its own thing, independent of the Head, that is a problem.

When the Body operates uncontrollably, it is an indication that something is wrong.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Messiah:

Eph 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Messiah:

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love