

Hidden Sin Chokes the Word – 06 19 2015

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The seed is the word of god. I don't know how many of you learning to sit with your bible in the presence of god. You know the story of that great cricketer, Charles Studd: If you have not read his life, please read it. I have preached in a church where he was Chaplain. Now Charles Studd one night was visiting in a home and in the morning his host asked him what have you been doing last night because I saw the lamp burning in your bed room? He said I was studying the bible to see where in I still not obeyed God's word and what a work he did for the Lord. I do not know the current number of missionaries, they were upwards of for a thousand missionaries who had gone out with that mission and they did some great work for the Lord.

Now dear friends I don't know how many of you studying the word of god in that manner? Sometimes just one phrase in this bible hits me so hard, I stop, I take up the concordance and check every reference till it sinks into me. You know friends, truth neglected leads to further bondage and slavery. We've got so much truth, we trample on some of it, ignore the rest of it. Here the lord Jesus Christ tells us in Luke 8th chapter, the thorny soil, the brambles and the bushes. Sometimes I pass through country side when nothing seems to grow except brambles and bushes and awful thorny shrubs. The lord Jesus Christ says in the 7th verse some seed fell among the thorns and the thorns sprang up and choked it. Well what is happening to all the word of god that we hear? Is it producing faith which moves mountains? But the devil does not want to see faith grow in your heart. So these thorny bushes, they choke the word so that it becomes unfruitful. Here the lord Jesus taught, the thorny bushes grew and choked the word. What happens? How long does it take? If anybody starts throttling or choking you, how long does it take? Few moments, few minutes, you're dead, brain dead. So the bible says the word of god is choked. That's what is happening today. You ask anybody they will tell you for money sake they will do anything. You know one of our doctors, a brain surgeon, a neurologist was killed recently in a strong Hindu place. He is a very young fellow, very lovely fellow, pioneering in a hard area, some people were paid an enormous sum of money to kill him. He had bought a piece of land saying let me start a trauma center because he saw many people after accidents nobody who could deal with their case being given up and dying. He said let me start a trauma center, actually he was soon known in that neighborhood as an expert surgeon, neurosurgeon. But

powerful politicians did not want this man to have that piece of land or do anything there. So he hired these killers, they came in, killed him and his wife and mother. They left behind two young children, 13 years and 12 years, so we have got to take care of them. We are praying for them. The girl came back home after her examination. She had said evidently good bye to the parents, going to school in the morning when she came back she saw blood everywhere and the doors wide open and she raised the alarm. The mother was still alive but she had been locked into the bathroom, bleeding to death. For the sake of money, people will do anything. The love of money is the root of all evil. Now somebody told me I owe people lot of money, I keep running away, I promise it run away. I said go return every bit of that money. A girl came to me and she said I have been in the habit of stealing where ever I have worked. As a house maid I have worked in a bishop's house, I worked here there everywhere always stealing. I said to her you'd better return what you have stolen. Cleanse your conscience. Come clean. Confess your sins to the lord, he'll forgive you. Well, she said I have no money, you know I happen to have a big coin in my pocket in those days back in the fifties. I said, alright, you begin your restitution with this money, go return what you should. So dear friends, if you turn to Malachi the third chapter, all of you know it I am sure, the last book of the Old Testament please. Let us see what God says, 8th verse: Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. but ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse: for you have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts. If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

I will open the windows of heaven, prove me now says god. If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, you will not have a room to receive it. You know friends, this is only a token. Tithe, a tenth of what you have, what you get. You can begin even as a student. Back in the fifties, little children used to save pennies, oh that was a lot of money for a little child. I would remember some of those little children would come to me with a nice, little wrapping in it one some small coin. I would treasure it I would say here is the offering of a little child. I would keep it as a treasure. You know there used to be little children who were taught that way back in the last century but today you know, you give a five to a boy or a girl, and they say you think I am a beggar? What a difference? We have not taught... I often say it's not the wealthy people that have built the work of god. It's the consecrated pennies. So I don't care for the rich and the wealthy. I mean I want their souls to be saved, I warn them but they run

away from my meetings, of course. The consecrated pennies. The sacrifices that I have seen in some old pensioners. I was standing near the cafeteria, trying to get a quick bite, next to me was an elderly person, he was sipping his tea leisurely. I said shall I get you something to eat? He drew out the coins from his pocket, just a few coins. He said this is all I have left with for the week. I said don't worry let me get you what you want? What sandwiches would you like? So I got him some, I've seen others like that with whom I could talk and sit-down and share a little. I have found that some of those people when they get converted become givers. They are not rich. They have very little. But they think of others. Love thy neighbor as thyself. I don't see the rich building god's kingdom. I see some very poor people and I begin to wonder how do all our broadcast, radio broadcast, television broadcast get paid for? And I don't ask anybody for a penny. I never make any appeal. And people say well, who is behind it? Some rich man? No. the living God. He said I'll open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing. See when we give to god what belongs to him, there is blessing. Today many of our sicknesses, many of our setbacks, many of those things that cause drains our money are due to the lack of the blessing of God. You are cursed with a curse even this whole nation, you have robbed me. So friends, you won't be a slave to money you will be a victor. You may not have much, that's not the issue at all but you have the heart that wants to give, to serve, to build his kingdom.