

The Incorruptible Word of God – 28 Nov 2014

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Now if you will please turn with me, I am now looking into the 8th chapter of Luke 8,5th verse – 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.

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

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

And other fell on good ground and, and sprang up, and bear fruit a hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, he that hath ears to hear let him hear.

The 11th verse gives us the interpretation: Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

So the seed, the grain, is very important and what is it? Here, it is the incorruptible word of God. The word of God which does not change; the word of god that brings forth fruit unto righteousness. I am sure many of you have attended services, how much of the word of God has taken hold? It is something quite alarming really that, sometimes people wonder does the fellow who is up there in the pulpit really believes what he is speaking? and sometimes the preacher is very apologetic about what the bible says and he comes around with an explanation something like this, seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; but you know, in these days it's hardly possible to do that.

I met a man who was talking of a variety of blessings that had come his way and I said to him, possibly you are one of those people who give your tithes to the Lord. The man appeared to be stumped. Because, he did not do it and yet the Lord who says "I send my rain upon the godly and the ungodly and my sunshine upon the just and the unjust". He had been blessing this man evidently. Sometimes there is blessing, just because the Lord is long suffering. He just says; ok give this person a long rope, we seem to think oh God is blessing me, God is with me. You know when there is a mad child, a dad or a mum tries to keep his eyes upon that child. Because you never know what a mad child is likely to do on the spur of the moment. So there is a sense in which a dad or a mom is close to a mad child and it's not the same as a grown up girl or a boy. Seeing the value of a dad or a mother, who fears God and sticks close by. You know there is world of difference between these two situations. A mad child needs watching, so the child can very easily say ;you know my mother is always around me you, know. But what for? To keep it out of mischief. But the same person who has come to years of understanding; says "look I am going to have the values, the spiritual values which have sustained my father and mother

through life and I am going to stick close by them". Now that's a completely and totally different relationship. Isn't it? Yes it is. I have seen some people who appeared to have many earthly blessings, but they are not particularly righteous. God gives them a long rope. That's it. God is long suffering. But don't come to the conclusion it's because I am right with God that he is blessing me in this manner. What happens to the seed? The bible tells us that the seed which fell on good ground brought forth a hundred fold.

12th verse please: 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.

Is the devil active today in Britain or in Europe or the world? Extremely so. For he was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. So ,where ever you go these works of the devil should be destroyed they should flee. I remember, at one of our big meetings, probably there were about 70,000 or 60,000 present, suddenly there was an interruption, a great shriek and cry and a person was running out of the place. A demon possessed person could not bear that atmosphere and when she was delivered in the process, when the evil spirits were commanded to leave her. Well, those evil spirits cried out, why did we come to this place? We cannot be here. You know my dear friends around us should be an atmosphere where these powers of darkness which are crippling people, destroying families should flee. You know, it takes some times as counselors, some of my close associates, one of them in particular who was converted in one of my meetings became a man who would deal extensively and very intensively with demon possessed people, from all parts of the country he would have calls and counsel people and so on. And the hours which he normally spends with them, I said to him "you know, I do not have the physical strength to be able to do what you are doing. I cannot do that". He sent his word and healed them. It should happen even as I am giving the word. In fact the demons must run away even before the meeting begins. Just the presence of the Lord should do that. Now I notice that, there are too many churches around where this does not happen and so people come and say the variety of cases. A woman came and showed me her bleeding wounds or bites and she said "these are the bites which I receive at night from demons. See my son is oppressed". I had to pray for her and the Lord set her free. Well, my dear friends, here the devil takes away the word that was sown in the heart. Then what else do we see, what do we see next, 13th verse; 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.

You know dropouts, dropouts. Almost in the every walk of life, you can understand what a tragedy it is when a student drops out. Sometimes the professors make the courses and the examinations so tough, that they want 30, 40, 50% of their class to dropout. They just want the cream, a real hard working fellows. They don't want to graduate the rest of them. Some of them very brainy people just drop out. They are not able to keep up with the class. Now you

see drop outs from almost every realm of life. What about these dead beat fathers, as they call them? The fathers who will not even give child support. Throw the whole burden on the poor wife and run away, notwithstanding the courts orders. You know, a woman can't be continually going to court and moving the court it's not easy nor is it cheap, inexpensive. Think of that, and can you have drop outs in the Christian life? To whom shall I go? You know Peter was asked by Jesus; will you also leave me? The disciples and Peter replied, to whom shall we go? For thou hast the words of eternal life. To whom shall we go? Now very often, when I found myself failing, the approach that some people take is, oh I am very sick, so I won't go to the hospital or to any doctor. That's not what a person does in normal life. He picks up the phone and rings frantically for the ambulance. Get me as quickly as possible to a doctor, to a hospital. But in spiritual things, it's the contrary. See I am too sick, so, you know spiritually something has gotten in the way, something has upset matters or whatever. So they say, well, I don't feel like it. My dear friends it's not always your feelings that you must depend on. It's the word of God. When you obey the word of God, you have a certainty and assurance. Now that is faith. Naked trust in the word of God.