

Luke 8

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8 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, (HIS disciples continued to travel with Jesus in order to learn from Him)

² And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, (She was possessed by seven evil spirits, she was not a prostitute)

(Ignorant preachers call her a prostitute even today. It's not written anywhere in the scriptures that she was a prostitute)

³ And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance. (Chuza = seer – a prophet) (Joanna – the gift of God) (Susanna – lilies)

⁴ And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: (Jesus spoke in parables to protect the innocence of those that don't have eyes to see – spiritually. The Elect do see. And so He was able to teach them, while protecting the others)

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. (Broadcasting the seeds by hand)

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

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

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.

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

(The parable is about those who hear the Word of God. They react differently to what they hear. Some learn and the Word prospers a hundred fold. Others hear and believe; until they hear the next

doctrine. Then they switch over to that one. And others hear but don't believe at all for one reason or another)

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. (Parables make the message known only to those who are spiritually awake)

Also see Mathew-13:34-43 (The parable of the Tares. These tares are the Kenites)

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

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. (They don't want to go opposite from the ways of the world and the traditions on men. They are intimidated by – peer pressure or by false preachers?)

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 love to hear new doctrine but aren't willing to do the work; in order to learn the deeper meanings. They only learn the basics; and then get bored with it and move on. They prefer to live in the world, than in God)

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. (They are too busy having fun and accumulating riches to be distracted by the Word of God)

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. (They are true believers. They are willing to do the work, to grow in the Word and to stick with it; despite the poor treatment that Christians receive from the world)

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. (The light is symbolic for the truth of God's Word. It takes people out of the darkness of ignorance. It is up to us to share the Word of God and to teach others)

¹⁷ For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad. (The light exposes everything – good and bad. It is up to us to see that light and to live in it)

(The heathen, atheists, communists and Muslims stumble through life in the darkness of ignorance)

John-8:12 (Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life – eternal life)

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. (It seems like some people are rich in the things of the world, but they have no faith in God. They have no riches waiting for them in Heaven)

¹⁹ Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press. (They couldn't get through the crowd)

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

²¹ And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it. (Jesus is saying that all Christians are part of his family. They must hear but more importantly, they must do what they have learned. Live by God's Word every day of your life)

(This is not degrading His mother and siblings. It's just that Jesus was sent to the whole world. HE had little time left in order to teach as many people as might hear Him)

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. (This is the Sea of Galilee)

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. (Jesus said they were going to the other side. They weren't really in any jeopardy. They thought that they were in trouble because they lacked faith)

NOTES: (After Jesus was crucified and ascended into Heaven, the Apostles thought that they were alone. They weren't. God's Holy Spirit came upon them and they went out to teach His Word to the world)

(The same is true for Christians today. Although most of the world is against us, we have God's power and protection upon us. We will win in the end, but we must have the faith in God to see it through, and not get discouraged)

See 1Corinthians-10:13 (God will never test us with more that we can handle; and He will always show us a way through)

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. (Jesus was with them, asleep or not, as He is with us. We just need to have faith in Him)

NOTE: (When Jesus returns at the Millennium, there will be a new calm then as well. Until then, we're all in our little Christian boat. We need faith in God to prevail against the tumult of the world)

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. (He is God <in a flesh body>. HE created nature. HE has control over the entire universe)

²⁶ And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. (These people were heathen)

²⁷ And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. (He had been possessed by evil spirits for years)

²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. (Son of God = begotten by God – God made Himself a flesh man just as he made us into flesh people for this Age. Jesus is God, in the flesh. There is one God. HE has many offices. Jesus is just one of them)

(The evil spirits were begging to be left alone. They knew who Jesus was even though the man had never met Him)

²⁹ (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) (The people had him in chains, because he was so dangerous. He broke his bounds and escaped into the wilderness)

³⁰ And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. (Legion – means many. This man was possessed by many evil spirits, not just one)

³¹ And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. (These spirits are asking Jesus not to order them back to hell. God is always in control. These evil spirits know that they will have to obey whatever Jesus tells them to do)

NOTE: (The abyss is where Satan will be kept during the Millennium)

³² And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. (suffer = to allow - an old Anglo Saxon word)

³³ Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. (The swine drowned themselves. Even the swine wouldn't let these evil spirits possess them)

(Notice that the evil spirits are even willing to go into swine. They're not too particular as to what they inhabit)

³⁴ When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. (These people were pig farmers. The swine were their crop; their livelihood)

³⁵ Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. (They weren't happy that the man was saved. They were upset that they had lost their swine herd)

³⁶ They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. (Eye witnessed by the heathen themselves. This should have converted some of them. It didn't)

³⁷ Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again. (These Gadarenes didn't care about the man. They wanted their commerce in swine. They chose commerce over knowledge of God)

(These people were not Israelites. They ate pork. The Israelites do not)

³⁸ Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,

³⁹ Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him. (He became a living witness to the power of God. God chose him to help get the Word to those that need to hear it)

(The devil had made this man dangerous and useless. Jesus made him normal and useful to his community. All Christians have the light of God's Word in them. It's up to them to let it shine onto others)

⁴⁰ And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him. (They loved Jesus, but did they love Him for the right reasons? Was it just for the healings, or did they know who He really was?)

⁴¹ And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: (Jairus = whom God enlightens)

⁴² For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.

⁴³ And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, (The doctors couldn't help her)

⁴⁴ Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. (She was immediately healed)

⁴⁵ And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

⁴⁶ And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. (HE knew who she was but He wanted the woman to tell Him)

⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. Numbers-15:37-41 (Remember God; hear His Word and do it)

⁴⁸ And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace. (Her faith saved her)

⁴⁹ While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. (They thought it was too late to save the girl. They didn't know that death has no power over God)

⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.

(12 years old – symbolic for the 12 tribes of Israel; they are spiritually dead today. Most don't even know that they descended from the 12 tribes. They call themselves Gentiles. Jesus will revive them in the Millennium and they will remember who they are)

⁵¹ And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. (The same three disciples that He will later choose to show the transfiguration on the Mount of Olives. They must have had a stronger faith in Jesus than the rest of the Apostles)

⁵² And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. (Again, symbolic for those people that are spiritually asleep among us today)

⁵³ And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. (They will laugh at Christians the same way in the end days)

⁵⁴ And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. (Jesus got rid of the doubters, just like we should do today)

⁵⁵ And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. (Her spirit returned to her body)

Ecclesiastes-12:6-8 (When we die, instantly our soul <our spirit> returns to the Father who gave it to us. Jesus called her soul back into her body)

(Meat is also symbolic for deeper teaching of God's Word; as opposed to the milk of salvation, for beginners. Jesus told the people to feed her. Just like meat makes us strong physically, deeper teaching makes us strong spiritually)

(Preachers are supposed to do the feeding; milk at first and then meat when the people are ready to receive it. Only God can do the healing)

⁵⁶ And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done. (His ministry was only beginning. It wasn't time yet to take on the hierarchy of the corrupt church and the Kenites who ran it)

NOTE: (God is not the God of the dead. HE is the God of the living. Even today, no one has died. The physically dead are in their spirit bodies on one side of the gulf or the other – waiting for judgment. Death will come after judgment to those who don't make the second resurrection. Their souls will die. It will be as if they never existed)