

Luke 8:1-15

Kingdom Truths

1. The good news of God's kingdom, v1-3

The kingdom of God is the spiritual reality of gladly and willingly living under God's loving rule.

That's not the position we're born into.

Our natural state is under the control of Satan...
'the prince of the power of the air'... Ephesians 2:2.

God's kingdom is speaking about those who have been
*delivered from the power of darkness and conveyed
into the kingdom of the Son of His love... Colossians 1:13*

2. The knowledge of God's kingdom, v10

“What are parables for?”

“To make the message easier to understand so that everyone can accept it and believe.”

Wrong!

Jesus says, in v10, that he speaks in parables to reveal the true nature of people's spiritual state.

They see, but they don't see. They hear, but they don't hear.

“He who has ears *to hear*, let him hear.”

3. The entrance to God's kingdom, v4-15

There's only one sower with a simple task of scattering the seed.

There's only one seed, and it's the Word of God.

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Consider Paul's words to Timothy:

1 Timothy...

1:3 – teach no other doctrine

1:11 – the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust

4:6 – if you instruct the brethren in these things you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.

6:20 – guard what was committed to your trust

3. The entrance to God's kingdom, v4-15

Consider Paul's words to Timothy:

2 Timothy...

1:13 – hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me

2:2 – commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2:15 – present yourself approved to God... rightly dividing the word of truth.

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Romans 10:17

3. The entrance to God's kingdom, v4-15

Wherever the seed is scattered it will be limited in its reach.

(i) Because many are like the hard pathway, v5&12.

The word doesn't go in.

(ii) Many will be like the rocky ground, v6&13.

The word goes in, but it doesn't go down.

(iii) Others will be like the thorny ground, v7&14.

The word goes in, and down, but it doesn't go on.

(iv) Because some seed does fall on good ground.

The word goes in, and down, and on, and bears fruit.

1 Thessalonians 2:13