

My Revelation

LESSON 15 – OUTLINE

I. The parable of a grain of mustard seed is another parable Jesus told that day:

The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Matthew 13:31-32

- A. As I meditated on these scriptures, I remember thinking, *God, that's what I want life to be. I want You to live through me so big that it affects millions of people. I want to see people's lives changed.*
 - B. While envisioning this, the Lord spoke to me, saying, "But your root is so small. The very first bird to land on a branch would cause the whole tree to fall over. The first breath of air to blow against it would knock it over."
 - C. It's actually the root system that determines how big a plant or tree will be above ground.
 - D. I desired all of these great results, but I didn't want to take time to get rooted in the Word.
 - E. The Lord told me, "That's the big problem with most people."
- II. I decided right then and there that I was going to be one of those in whom the Word of God would take root.
- A. I actually quit worrying about the visible results to a large degree.
 - B. Instead, I focused on taking the Word of God and keeping it in my heart.
 - C. I knew that if I kept God's Word dwelling on the inside of me, instead of it coming in and out, it would literally begin to put down roots through every part of my being and start permeating me.
- III. Every good thing God has done in my life has come as the fruit of His Word.
- A. This includes the revelation He's shown me, the call to ministry He's given me, the people I've seen raised from the dead, the blind eyes and deaf ears I've seen opened, all kinds of other miracles, and the way God has abundantly met my needs.

- B. Once that seed has taken root, it just produces.
 - C. I don't know about you, but this still gets me excited!
- IV. A tiny little seed from God's Word can destroy any sickness, any disease, emotional issue, or financial problem if you would just take the Word of God, keep it in your heart, and let it dominate you.
- A. It's that powerful!
 - B. But you must protect it.
 - C. You need to take what I'm saying, meditate on it, and let the Lord bear witness to it in your heart.
 - D. It's not enough to know what I believe the Word of God says; it has to become personal revelation to you!
 - E. That is profound.
- V. When the Lord first spoke this to me and it became a revelation, God convicted me that I was living off of somebody else's revelation.
- A. I remember saying to myself, "That will never happen again. In the name of Jesus, it's going to be my revelation. I may have heard somebody else say it, but I'm going to go to God and meditate on that word until it germinates and releases its life in me. It's going to be what God spoke to me!"
 - B. There are thousands of things I've gleaned from the Word.
 - C. Perhaps somebody else planted the seed, but it became my revelation as it took root on the inside of me.

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LESSON 15 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 13:31-32. What kind of seed is the kingdom of heaven like?
2. Whose field did the man sow in?
3. What is a mustard seed among all the others?
4. What is it when it is grown?
 - A. The smallest of shrubs
 - B. A mulberry tree
 - C. A juniper tree
 - D. The greatest among herbs
 - E. A fig tree
5. What does it become?
6. What is able to lodge in its branches?

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LESSON 15 – SCRIPTURES

MATTHEW 13:31-32

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