

Parables of the Kingdom #2

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Psalm 25:12-14

Who is the man that fears the Lord?

Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

He himself shall dwell in prosperity,

And his descendants shall inherit the earth.

**The secret of the Lord is with those who
fear Him,**

And He will show them His covenant.

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Proverbs 7:7-12 - The seductress calls aloud from the open square

Proverbs 1:20-23 - Wisdom calls aloud outside; from the open square

The “hearing” ear and “understanding” heart come through a desire to seek and press into the knowledge of God:

- Prayer
- Reading
- Obedience to God’s word/commands



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1 Corinthians 2:10-11

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.



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Matthew 13:1-3

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying:



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Matthew 13:4-6



Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away

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Matthew 13:7-9

And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”



Now, let's look at how Jesus explains the parable:

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Matthew 13:18-19

“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

Psalms 14:2

The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

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1 Kings 3:9

Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"



1 Kings 4:29

And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.

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Psalm 119:104

Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Q: Do I judge my experiences by the word of God? Or...

Do my experiences determine the rule by which I filter God's word?

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Isaiah 55:8-9

**“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,”** says the Lord.

**“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.**

This is a good example to demonstrate our need to look and dig a little deeper for understanding!

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To get a clearer understanding of this verse all we have to do is read the preceding two verses...

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. **Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;** let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

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Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, **get understanding.**

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Ephesians 1:17-19

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened**; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power