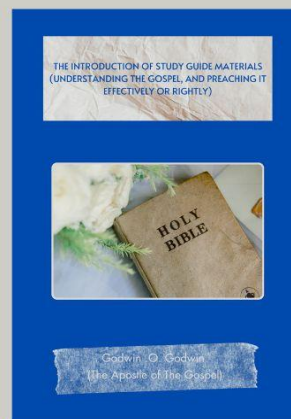


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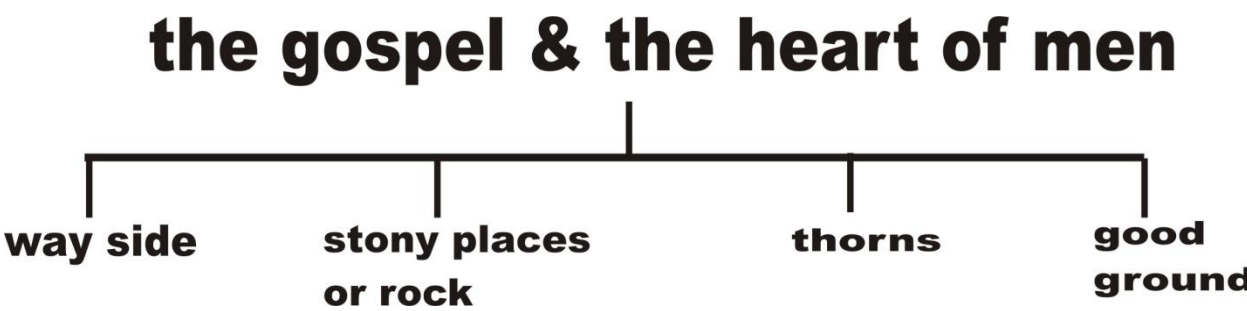
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CHAPTER ONE

THE GOSPEL AND THE HEART OF MEN (THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER)

The parable of the sower speaks of the gospel and the heart of men; these are those that heard the gospel and receive (or accept) it. The parable of the sower does not refer to those people that refuse to hear it nor did not accept it. The seed that the sower (i.e. the preacher) went out to sow is the word of God or the word of the kingdom or the word of the gospel Luke 8:5 & 11,Mark 4:14, Matthew 13:19, Mark 1:14-15, Acts 15:7, 1 Peter 1:25



Wayside:

Some seeds fell by the way side. It was trampled on, and the birds of the air came and devoured or ate it (see Matthew 13:3-4, Mark 4:2-4, Luke 8:4-5)

This means; when anyone hears about the word of the kingdom (i.e. the gospel), receives it and does not understand it; the devil which is also known as Satan or the wicked one comes and take it from their hearts, so that they should not believe and be saved This is the seed (i.e. the gospel) that fell on the way side (the heart that is void of understanding, that did not understand the gospel (see Matthew 13:18-19, Mark 4:14-15, Luke 8:11-12)

Stony places or rock:

Some fell on stony places or rock, where it did not have much earth or soil. It sprang up (or grew up) immediately (or quickly), because it had no deepness or depth of earth (i.e. the soil was shallow). But when the sun came up, it was scorched and it withered, because it had no root (see Matthew 13:5-6, Mark 4:5-6, Luke 8:6)

This simply means that, when someone hears the word of the kingdom (i.e. the gospel) and at once receives it with joy. But since it had no root, endure for a time or believe for a while when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, by and by; immediately he is offended, and fall away This is the seed (i.e.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE BIBLE & STUDY GUIDE (THE APPROPRIATE BOOK AND MATERIALS TO STUDY THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST)

The Bible and Study Guide is the appropriate Book and material to study the gospel of Christ. The Bible is the official or authoritative or authorized word of God while Study Guide is a copy of the word of God; the publication of the gospel Deuteronomy 17:18-19(CEV), 2 Timothy 2:15, Acts 8:26-35 (see 31)

WHY STUDY GUIDE?

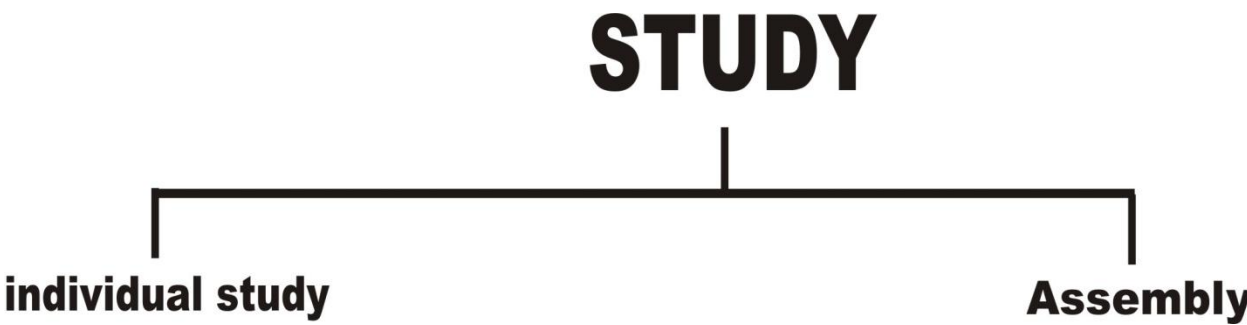
- Because the people of God had no knowledge of the truth; while some have rejected it and others are learning without the gospel, never able to come to the knowledge of the truth Isaiah 5:13, Hosea 4:1-6 (see vs.1, 6), 2 Timothy 3:7, 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- Also to read and understand (acknowledge) the mystery of Christ to the end 2 Corinthians 1:13-14, Ephesians 3:1-4
- Also to study and rightly dividing the word of truth 2 Timothy 2:15
- Also to warn and for our safety against false doctrine, false prophets etc 1 Corinthians 4:14-15, Philippians 3:1-2
- Also to make the nations to know the mystery of the Gospel for the obedience of the faith Ephesians 6:19, Romans 16:25-26
- Also to commit the Gospel to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also 1 Timothy 1:11, 2 Timothy 2:1-2

CHAPTER THREE

STUDY (CONTINUE IN THE GOSPEL AND ENDURE TILL THE END)

Study is to shew yourself approved to God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth 2 Timothy 2:15

Study involves reading, searching, learning etc



Individual study:

This has to do with personal study

Examples of individual study; i.e. personal study

- Daniel Daniel 9:1-2
- Ezra Ezra 7:10
- Paul 2 Timothy 4:13
- The eunuch Acts 8:26-39 (see vs. 31-35)

Assembly:

This is the studying together

Examples of assembly; i.e. the studying together

- The congregation of Israel Nehemiah 8:1-18 (see vs. 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 18)
- The synagogue of the Jews Luke 4:16-21

NOTE: We must continue in the gospel and endure till the end Acts 2:36-42 (see vs. 42), Galatians 2:1-5 (see vs.5), Colossians 1:23, Matthew 10:16-22 (see vs. 22), Matthew 24:9-14 (see vs.13-14), 1 Peter 1:25

the gospel) that fell on the stony places or rock (the heart that did not allow the gospel to be rooted inside (see Matthew 13:20-21, Mark 4:16-17, Luke 8:13)

Thorns:

Some fell among thorns. The thorns grew up with the seed and choked it; and the seed yield or bear no fruit (see Matthew 13:7, Mark 4:7, Luke 8:7)

This speaks of those who hears the word of the kingdom, receive it, but the care of this world, deceitfulness of riches and the lusts of other things and the pleasure of this life choked it; he become unfruitful or bring no fruit to perfection (or maturity) This is the seed (i.e. the gospel) that fell on thorns (the heart that allow the care of this world, deceitfulness of riches and the lusts of other things and the pleasure of this life to choked it (see Matthew 13:22, Mark 4:18-19, Luke 8:14)

Good ground or soil:

Others fell into good ground or soil; it brought or yield fruit and increase; some thirty, some sixty and some hundred (see Matthew 13:8, Mark 4:8, Luke 8:8)

This speaks of those with good and honest heart; heard the word of the kingdom; receive, understand and kept it and also bring forth fruit with patience in thirty, sixty and hundred fold This is the seed (i.e. the gospel) that fell on good ground or soil (the heart that is good (i.e. it accepted it by adapting to it), honest (i.e. it sincerely believe the gospel is the truth), understand it, kept it (i.e. it treasure or place value on it), and also bring forth fruit to perfection (or maturity) and convert souls with the gospel with patient in thirty, sixty, and hundredfold (see Matthew 13:23, Mark 4:20, Luke 8:15)

CHAPTER TWO

THE GOSPEL AND THE INDIVIDUALS

The gospel and the individuals refer to the biblical example of those that hears the gospel, receive it with good and honest heart and those without been honest

The biblical example of the individuals that hears the gospel, receive it with good and honest heart:

- **The Jews and the proselytes (i.e. gentiles that are Judaism) as an example of the gospel and the Individual that receive it with good and honest heart:**

They were devout men (without the gospel), which came from every nation, were in the feast of Pentecost. They heard the Disciples of Christ in the upper room spoke in tongues (or languages) the wonderful works of God. Peter preached Christ to them; they (i.e. three thousand souls) heard it, and were pricked in their heart Acts 2:1-42 (see vs. 5-11, 36-42)

- **Cornelius as an example of the gospel and the Individual that receive it with good and honest heart:**

Cornelius was a devote man; one that feared God with all his house, gave alms to the people and prayed to God always without the gospel. He was instructed by an angel of God to send for Peter the apostle; for him and his household to hear the word of the gospel and their heart were purified by faith (i.e. the gospel) Acts 10:1-48 (see vs. 5-6, 14-15, 36-37, 44, 11:13-17, 15:7-9)

- **Lydia as an example of the gospel and the Individual that receive it with good and honest heart:**

Lydia was a seller of purple (or clothes). She was also among the women by the river side, where prayer was made. She was a worshiper of God (without the gospel). She heard Paul preached the gospel; her heart was opened by the Lord, she attended or responded to the word of the gospel Acts 16:9-15 (see vs. 10, 14)

- **Apollos as an example of the gospel and the Individual that receive it with good and honest heart:**

He was an eloquent man and mighty in the scriptures; instructed in the way of the Lord; fervent in the spirit. He spake and taught diligently the things of the

Lord; knowing only the baptism of John (i.e. John the Baptist) without showing from the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ (i.e. the gospel). Aquila and Priscilla expounded unto him the way of God perfectly (i.e. the gospel). Apollos later was able to show by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ Acts 18:23-28

- **Timothy as an example of the gospel and the Individual that receive it with good and honest heart:**

Timothy was a disciple (a disciple is someone that is a pupil or student that wants to learn); he was without the gospel; his mother was a Jewess, and his father a Greek. He had known the Holy Scripture from his childhood; he believed the gospel, and became fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ Acts 16:1-3, 2 Timothy 1:1-2 & 5, 3:15, 1 Thessalonians 3:2

The biblical example of the individuals that hears the gospel, receive it without been honest:

- **Simon the sorcerer as an example of the gospel and the Individual that hears the gospel, receive it without been honest:**

He was a sorcerer (a sorcerer is someone that practices magic or use charms etc; who is helped by evil spirits); he was without the gospel; and had bewitched the people of Samaria. He believed the gospel and was baptized; and continue with Philip that brought the gospel to Samaria. He also Wondered or amazed of the miracles and signs done by Philip. He also gave Peter money for him to get power or the gift of God because his heart was not right in the sight of God (i.e. he was filled with gall of bitterness or rude behaviour or anger; bond or connected or from the heart (i.e. iniquity) Acts 8:9-25 (see vs. 12-13, 18-24)

- **Some sect of the Pharisee as an example of the gospel and the Individual that hears the gospel, receive it without been honest:**

They were Pharisee (a Pharisee believe resurrection, spirit and angels) without the gospel. They believe the gospel and preached the gospel or message of circumcision, which is against the gospel of Christ Acts 23:8-9, 15:1-9 (see vs. 1, 5)