

A Fellowship of Encouragement

IMMANUEL OR EMMANUEL= GOD IS WITH US IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS.

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IT'S TIME TO RISE AND SHINE FORTH LIKE THE SUN:

Matthew 13:43 “Then will the righteous (guiltless) Shine Out Like the Sun in their Father’s Kingdom. Listen, every one who has ears!” —JESUS.

When does this happen? What event in this world does it follow? We seem to have been like “lights under a basket,” that the ‘World’ would like to keep us under; so we don’t “out-shine” them.

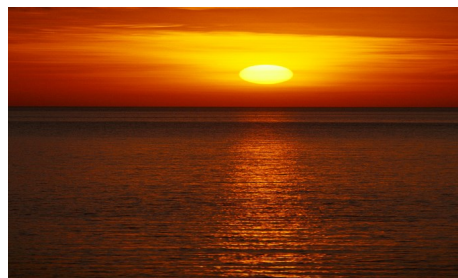
The Media beckons us to watch the sons of darkness shine with all manner of superficial light and glamorous painted beauty.

They would take us to the “Islands of the Sea” to Magnificent Resorts, to the Best Parties on Earth. They would show us “lifestyles of the rich and fa-

mous” that the poor of the earth should long after their ‘lifestyles’. As if the rich would eventually inherit the whole Earth, and be —our saviors.

While the ‘sons of this world’ run farther away from The Holy GOD, Creation, herself, is confronting them even to the ends of the Earth. Calling them back to ‘Reverence The Creator’ to call out for ‘His Salvation’, here at the closing of an Age. Yet, they “worship the creature more than the Creator, Who is Blessed Forever”—Rom 1:25

THE SEVEN PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN in Matthew Chapter 13, speak of the Mysteries of The Kingdom. Describing the result of the presence of the GOSPEL in the World in this “Age of



Grace”. This time of “Seed Sowing” began with the arrival of JESUS Christ on Earth, some 2,000 years ago. And there is a Coming HARVEST, of both the Wheat and the Tares, at the end of This Age. For now, the “Farm” is growing both wheat and tares. This is allowed by the Master of the Harvest, simply because He will not Jeopardize His Precious Seed, Saved For the Coming Age OF HIS 1,000 YEAR REIGN”.



Wheat or Tares? Let the Angels decide.

In this Age of a world that has been “Christianized” where everyone can claim to be ‘as righteous as’ their neighbor next door, we must refrain from judging between the saved and the unsaved. The LORD of the Harvest will send out His

Holy Angels to separate the tares from the wheat. He does not give that job to human beings to do.

Matthew 13:41-42 “The Son of Man will commission His Angels, and they will gather Out of His Kingdom All Causes of sin and all who violate His Laws;

and these they will throw into the fiery furnace. There will be weeping aloud and gnashing of teeth.” —JESUS. (Verses from Weymouth N.T.) Page 1 of 4.

What in the World is a PARABLE?

What is a “Parable”? It is a comparison between the events of the Natural with the Spiritual Realm. To many people deny the Spiritual Realm completely, it is to them, that Jesus Christ Taught in Parables. It is a figurative language.

“Parabole” = a placing of one thing by the side of another, juxtaposition, as



of ships in battle. A comparison of one thing with another. An example by which a doctrine or precept is illustrated. A narrative, fictitious but agreeable to the laws and usages of human life, by which either

the duties of men, or the things of GOD, particularly the history and Nature of GOD’S Kingdom are Figuratively Portrayed. An earthly story with a Heavenly meaning. A pithy and instructive saying, involving some likeness or comparison and having perceptive or admonitory force. A maxim. — Strong’s #3850.

The Parable of the “seed”

What is so important about “seed”? Or soil? Or Produce? For the answer we go to Jesus 1st Parable in Matthew 13. Mt 13:3 “He then spoke many things to them in figurative language. *“the Sower goes out,”*” He said, *“to Sow.” “As he sows, some of the seed falls by the way side, and the birds come and peck it up. Some falls on rocky ground, where it has but scanty soil. It quickly shows itself*

above ground, because it has no depth of earth; but when the sun is risen, it is scorched by the heat, and through having no root it withers up. Some falls among thorns; but the thorns spring up and stifle it. But a portion falls upon good ground, and gives a return, some a hundred (souls) for one, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, everyone who has ears!” —JESUS. (W.N.T.)

Being the Son of a Harvester, I can see what Jesus is arriving at here. Where you sow is very important. My father would determine the very best soil for a particular crop, that would yield the most abundant PRODUCE.



JESUS Explains this Parable to His disciples:

JESUS Wants us to fully understand this Truth: Matt 13:18 “To you then I will explain the parable of ‘the Sower’ When a man hears the Message concerning the Kingdom and does Not understand it, the Evil one comes and catches away what has been sown in his heart. This is he who has received the seed by the road-

side. He who has received the seed on the rocky ground is the man who hears the Message and immediately receives it with joy. It has struck no root, however, within him. He continues for a time, but when suffering comes, or persecution, because of the Message, he at once stum-

bles and falls. He who has received the seed among the thorns is the man who hears the Message, *but the cares of the present Age and the Delusions of Riches quite stifle the Message, and it becomes unfruitful.* But he who has received the seed on good ground is he who hears and understands. Such hearers give a return, and yield one a hundred for one, another sixty, another thirty.”)



OH, THE DELUSION OF RICHES, AND THE MANY CARES OF THIS WORLD!

JESUS said that when the Good Seed of the Gospel is sown: Matt 13:22 *“he who has received the seed among the thorns (bramble) is the man who hears the Message, but the Cares (anxiety) Of The Present age And the Delusions (deceivableness) Of (External) Riches quite stifle (choke, suffocate) the Message, and it becomes Unfruitful (not yielding what it ought to yield).”*

We really should look more closely at His statement here. The responsibility of the out-

come of ‘The Gospel Message’, and it’s ‘Fruitfulness’ in our own life, depends upon us entirely.

The Apostle Paul was Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He knew it was “The Power of GOD” to Save everyone who Believes in This SAVIOR.

But many modern men and women tend to take this “Gospel Message” lightly. As if it were less important than other Cares in this world; like making Money. Not considering that no amount

of Worldly Riches can Save one Soul from perishing, upon the death of the body. While we are alive in the body, we must Secure The Salvation Of Our Own Soul. No amount of Riches we can grab hold of, in this life, can buy Soul Salvation in the Next Life. Gold, in heaven is simply like asphalt for our streets here. We don’t go so far out ‘to value our pavements as golden’. Money has it’s use here, for getting us around, but it’s valueless in the next Life. Here, We Value The Gospel Message!

Parable of Wheat and Tares (darnel):

JESUS would continue on this topic of “Seed” and expand by describing another ‘seed’ that an enemy would be busy planting after He left ‘the Farm’. Matthew 13:24-30 “Another parable He put before them. “The Kingdom of the Heavens,” He said, “may be compared to A Man



who has sown Good Seed in his field, but during the night his enemy comes, and over the First Seed he sows darnel (Tares) among the Wheat, and goes away. But when the blade shoots up and the grain is formed, then appears the darnel also. “So the farmer’s men come and ask him,” ‘Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed on Your Land? Where then does the darnel come

from?’ “Some enemy has done this”, He said. ‘Shall we go and collect it?’ the men inquire. ‘NO,’ He replied, ‘for fear that while collecting the darnel you should at the same time uproot the Wheat with it. Leave both to grow together Until The Harvest, and at Harvest-time I Will Direct The Reapers, Collect the Darnel First, and make it up into bundles to burn it, BUT BRING ALL THE WHEAT INTO MY BARN.’ —JESUS CHRIST.



The Powerful, though tiny, MUSTARD SEED:

Matt 13:31 “Another parable He put before them. “The Kingdom of the Heavens,” He said, “is like a mustard seed, which a man takes and sows in his ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, and yet when full-grown it is larger than any herb and

forms a Tree, so that the birds come and build in it’s branches.” —JESUS. They say the Mustard plant can grow to a height of 10 feet or more!

JESUS said if our Faith was

the size of a mustard seed, Mountains would move on our word! Both ‘Faith,’ and the ‘Kingdom’ of the Heavens carry immense power.



At this point I would like to give us some practical tips on how we can Shine like the Sun or like JESUS THE SON:

1. There are many dark-out areas where Weather and Seismic Activities have cast many into great need. We can “rise and shine” for them by Participating in the feeding of the hungry, clothing of the naked, and housing of the homeless.
2. And in doing so, we can put “works with our Faith” creating unforgettable Light.
3. We may not be close enough to offer our personal help, but we can Send Resources so others Close at hand, can supply the ones that they can reach.
4. (Matthew 25:31-40) Even water for the thirsty!

ALMIGHTY GOD’S ADVICE FOR DAYS LIKE THESE, THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH:

Isaiah 58:6-12 “Is not this The Fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let



the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke (of human enslavement).

Is it not to deal your bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor that are ‘cast out’ to your house? And when you see the naked that you cover him; and that you hide not yourself from your own family? THEN shall your Light Break Forth as the DAWN, and your Health shall Spring Forth Speedily: And your Righteousness shall Go Before you, the Glory of The LORD shall be your Reward (or Harvest). Then shall you call, and the LORD shall answer; you shall

cry, and He shall say, Here I AM. IF you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if you draw out your Soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted Soul; Then Shall your Light rise in obscurity, and your darkness be as the Noon Day: And the LORD shall guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and make fat your bones: and you shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of you shall build the old waste places: You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.”

