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“Value what you’ve heard and be conformed by the power of His Word! “ “Let what you hear & see form in you who you are to be!” That’s where we ended yesterday morning at Jubilee. But earlier this morning, as I was reflecting on yesterday, I’m not sure that the picture was properly conveyed. .

We again focused in on Mk 4:23-24, starting where we were right here last week, “**Hear until you see, then look at what you hear.**” The revelation that Jesus was bringing out was that this is

how faith “becomes”, or is “formed”. Pretty simple, once you understand. And then the effort was made to transition, in our minds, from “doing” to “being”, to *become* what we see.

When you look at Jesus’ explanation of the parable of the sower (Mk 4:14-20), you should keep a couple of things firmly in mind. What is being sown is The Logos, and The Logos is being planted, through hearing, into the hearts of “men”.

The Logos is the plan, the purpose, the design, the intent, of God The Father, Creator of all things. The One Who is “Being” itself, and is, of course, is the original “sower”. And this Logos is being sown upon the ground, the heart (intention & motivation), soul (desires & affections), mind (deep thoughts and meditations) of “men”. This “Logos of God”, Heb 4:12 tells us, “...**even penetrates as far and the division of soul and spirit..., and is able to critique the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**” All the time that this “seed” is growing, maturing, and bearing fruit it is changing the heart, the ground, that it lives in!

The word *kritikos*, is only used once, but it’s critical, and the idea is much more than simply “judging” or “discerning”, it is to *critique*. This Logos gives a continuous *critique* of your “living”, showing you what adjustments need to be made in order for you to “conform to the design”, The Logos, that God has in mind; which you can see by looking at, listening to, and imitating the radiant reflection, the exact expression of The Father, Jesus. The Son (Heb 1:1-3)! “...**the more that you see Him clearly the more you will become like Him as you see Him as He is.**” (1Jn 3:2) And, looking back into Mk 4:24, “**the value that will be measured back to you, and added to you, is contained in the value or esteem that you placed on it.**” Now, let’s look at the next 2 parables that Jesus told. And remember, this logos is being received, planted, into the ground – “you”, and begins to grow.

“**And He said, Thus is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, while he is not aware. The earth brings forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. When the fruit offers itself, immediately he sends the sickle, because the harvest is come.**” (Mk 4:26-29, EV) The Word, as you “hear ‘till you see”, and then “look at what you hear”, produces faith, conceived in you, and it changes you! It also energizes the abilities that have been placed in you by that “faith report”. (Ga 3:5) And...

And He was saying, “**To what shall we liken the Kingdom of God, or in what parable shall we present it? As to a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown upon the earth, is the smallest of all the seeds which are upon the earth: But when it is sown, it grows up, and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.**” (Mk 4:30-32) Faith produced in you may start out small, but as the Word grows, you don’t just *do* out from faith, you “*become*” through The Word! Faith is not just so that you can have or do, it’s primary purpose is so that The LIFE of God is encountered by others through you!

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