

TEXT: LUKE 2
MATTHEW 13
ROMANS 12:2

TITLE: GETTING A NEW MIND, PART II

—————→ *THE SEED IS GOD'S WORD*

*****HEBREWS 4:12 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

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.

—————→ *GOD WANTS TO PLANT SOME OF HIS THOUGHTS IN OUR MINDS*

*****ISAIAH 55:8-11 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

8) “FOR MY THOUGHTS *ARE* NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NOR *ARE* YOUR WAYS MY WAYS,” SAYS THE LORD.

9) “FOR *AS* THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.

*****ISAIAH 55:8-11 – CONTINUED*****

10) “FOR AS THE RAIN COMES DOWN, AND THE SNOW FROM HEAVEN, AND DO NOT RETURN THERE, BUT WATER THE EARTH, AND MAKE IT BRING FORTH AND BUD, THAT IT MAY GIVE SEED TO THE SOWER AND BREAD TO THE EATER,

11) SO SHALL MY WORD BE THAT GOES FORTH FROM MY MOUTH; IT SHALL NOT RETURN TO ME VOID, BUT IT SHALL ACCOMPLISH WHAT I PLEASE, AND IT SHALL PROSPER *IN THE THING* FOR WHICH I SENT IT.

- THE VARIOUS SOILS REPRESENTS DIFFERENT KINDS OF HEARTS AND SHOWS DIFFERENT RESPONSES TO THE WORD OF GOD
- UNLIKE THE WORD OF MAN, ***THE WORD OF GOD HAS LIFE IN IT AND THAT LIFE CAN BE IMPARTED TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE***
- THE TRUTH OF GOD HAS TO TAKE ***ROOT*** IN THE HEART ***(SOIL, BE CULTIVATED, AND PERMITTED TO BRING FORTH FRUIT)***

<<<PLEASE DON'T GET THE FRUIT TWISTED>>>

- WE HAVE A MISUNDERSTANDING OF WHAT FRUIT IS
- IT IS REALLY NOT ABOUT CARS, HOUSES AND LAND

—→ **FRUIT IS THE TEST OF TRUE SALVATION**

*****MATTHEW 7:16*****

YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS. DO MEN GATHER GRAPES FROM THORNBUSHES OR FIGS FROM THISTLES?

—→ **IT INCLUDES HOLINESS**

*****ROMANS 6:22*****

BUT NOW HAVING BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN, AND HAVING BECOME SLAVES OF GOD, YOU HAVE YOUR FRUIT TO HOLINESS, AND THE END, EVERLASTING LIFE.

—→ **IT INCLUDES CHRISTIAN CHARACTER**

*****GALATIANS 5:22-23*****

22) BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,

23) GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW.

—→ **IT INCLUDES GOOD WORKS**

*****COLOSSIANS 1:10*****

THAT YOU MAY WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD, FULLY PLEASING HIM, BEING FRUITFUL IN EVERY GOOD WORK AND INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD;

—→ **IT INCLUDES WINNING OTHERS TO CHRIST**

*****ROMANS 1:13*****

NOW I DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE UNAWARE, BRETHREN, THAT I OFTEN PLANNED TO COME TO YOU (BUT WAS HINDERED UNTIL NOW), THAT I MIGHT HAVE SOME FRUIT AMONG YOU ALSO, JUST AS AMONG THE OTHER GENTILES.

—→ **IT INCLUDES SHARING WHAT WE HAVE**

*****ROMANS 15:25-28*****

25) BUT NOW I AM GOING TO JERUSALEM TO MINISTER TO THE SAINTS.

26) FOR IT PLEASED THOSE FROM MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA TO MAKE A CERTAIN CONTRIBUTION FOR THE POOR AMONG THE SAINTS WHO ARE IN JERUSALEM.

27) IT PLEASED THEM INDEED, AND THEY ARE THEIR DEBTORS. FOR IF THE GENTILES HAVE BEEN PARTAKERS OF THEIR SPIRITUAL THINGS, THEIR DUTY IS ALSO TO MINISTER TO THEM IN MATERIAL THINGS.

28) THEREFORE, WHEN I HAVE PERFORMED THIS AND HAVE SEALED TO THEM THIS FRUIT, I SHALL GO BY WAY OF YOU TO SPAIN.

→ IT INCLUDES PRAISING GOD

HEBREWS 13:15

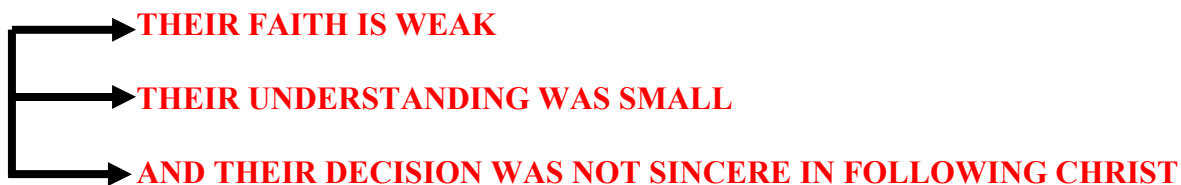
THEREFORE BY HIM LET US CONTINUALLY OFFER THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO GOD, THAT IS, THE FRUIT OF *OUR* LIPS, GIVING THANKS TO HIS NAME.

<<NOW IF A PLANT IS TO BEAR FRUIT...>>>

- IT MUST BE ROOTED INTO SOIL (*YOUR HEART*) AND EXPOSED TO THE SUN
- IN ESSENCE, IT MUST BE TESTED BY HEAT

<<<BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IT IS HOT IN AMERICA>>>

- THE SUN REPRESENTS PERSECUTION
- PERSECUTION HELPS THE SAINTS GROW
- SUNLIGHT KILLS ANY AND ALL PLANTS WITHOUT ROOT
- THIS EXPLAINS WHY SOME SAINTS (*BELIEVERS*) DON'T LAST



IT IS GOOD TO NOTE THAT YOU CAN
"BELIEVE" AND NOT BE SAVED

JOHN 2:23-25 - AMPLIFIED VERSION

23) BUT WHEN HE WAS IN JERUSALEM DURING THE PASSOVER FEAST, MANY BELIEVED IN HIS NAME [IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES WITH HIS PARTY] AFTER SEEING HIS SIGNS (WONDERS, MIRACLES) WHICH HE WAS DOING.

24) BUT JESUS [FOR HIS PART] DID NOT TRUST HIMSELF TO THEM, BECAUSE HE KNEW ALL [MEN];

25) AND HE DID NOT NEED ANYONE TO BEAR WITNESS CONCERNING MAN [NEEDED NO EVIDENCE FROM ANYONE ABOUT MEN], FOR HE HIMSELF KNEW WHAT WAS IN HUMAN NATURE. [HE COULD READ MEN'S HEARTS.]

- UNLESS THERE IS FRUIT IN THE LIFE, THERE IS NOT SAVING FAITH IN THEIR HEART

<<<THE KEY>>>

- IN CHAPTER 13, THE WORD HEAR IS MENTION *19* TIMES
- THE WORD HEAR IN ITS GREEK INTERPRETATION *MEANS TO UNDERSTAND, PERCEIVE, COMPREHEND, TO HEAR WITH A MIND TO APPLY OR MAKE APPLICATION*

—————→ **HEARING IS ACTION...**

<READ MATTHEW 13:14-17>

- IT'S NOT THAT YOU CAN'T HEAR, IT IS FOR MANY OF US THAT WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR

<READ MATTHEW 13:18-23>

- IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT WE HEAR GOD'S WORD BECAUSE.....

*****ROMANS 10:17 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

SO THEN FAITH *COMES* BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.

(THE SOWER IS FOUND IN ALL THREE GOSPELS AND IN EACH IT CLOSES DIFFERENT)

—————→ **MATTHEW 13:9**
HE WHO HAS AN HEAR TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR!

—————→ **MARK 4:24**
TAKE HEED WHAT YOU HEAR

→ **LUKE 8:18**

THEREFORE, TAKE HEED HOW YOU HEAR

<<<<IF YOU DON'T, SATAN COMES TO STEAL IT>>>>

*****MATTHEW 13:19 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

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.

*****JOHN 10:10 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

THE THIEF DOES NOT COME EXCEPT TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY. I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MAY HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY

*****EZEKIEL 37:4 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

AGAIN HE SAID TO ME, “PROPHECY TO THESE BONES, AND SAY TO THEM, ‘O DRY BONES, HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD!’

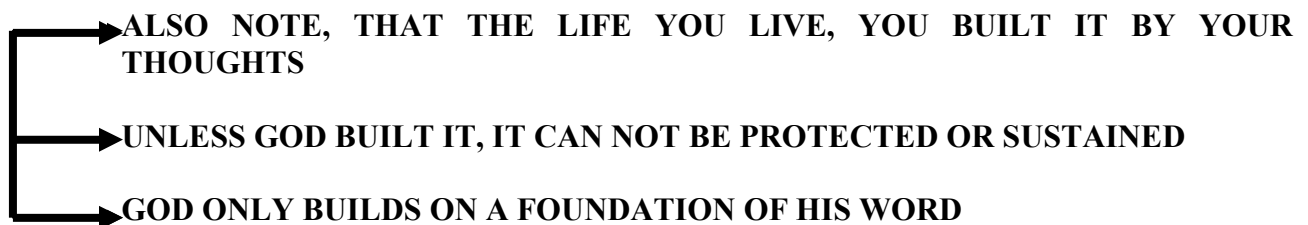
PROVERBS 23:7 - NEW KING JAMES VERSION

FOR AS HE THINKS IN HIS HEART, SO IS HE.

PSALM 127:1-2 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION

1) UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE, THEY LABOR IN VAIN WHO BUILD IT; UNLESS THE LORD GUARDS THE CITY, THE WATCHMAN STAYS AWAKE IN VAIN.

2) IT IS VAIN FOR YOU TO RISE UP EARLY, TO SIT UP LATE, TO EAT THE BREAD OF SORROWS; FOR SO HE GIVES HIS BELOVED SLEEP.



<<<<PLEASE NOTE: THE RAIN IS COMING>>>>

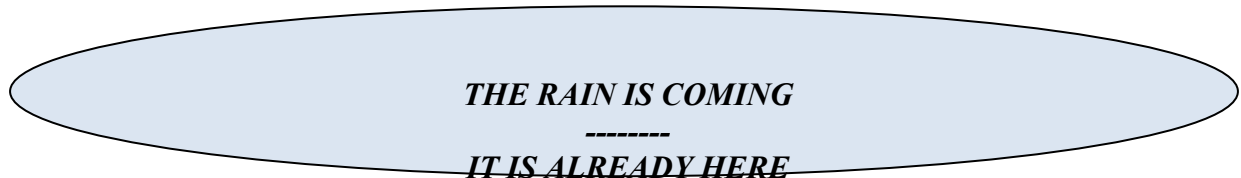
*****MATTHEW 5:45 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

THAT YOU MAY BE SONS OF YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN; FOR HE MAKES HIS SUN RISE ON THE EVIL AND ON THE GOOD, AND SENDS RAIN ON THE JUST AND ON THE UNJUST.

- IT IS SO VERY IMPORTANT TO HEAR OR GET THE THOUGHT OF GOD

THE RIGHT NOW THOUGHT OF GOD

- IT IS ESSENTIAL TO THEIR SUCCESS
- ESPECIALLY IN HARD TIMES
- WHAT HARD TIMES EXPOSES IS THE STRENGTH OR FLAWS IN THE FOUNDATION



*** MATTHEW 7:24-27 – NEW KING JAMES***

24) “THEREFORE WHOEVER HEARS THESE SAYINGS OF MINE, AND DOES THEM, I WILL LIKEN HIM TO A WISE MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK:

25) AND THE RAIN DESCENDED, THE FLOODS CAME, AND THE WINDS BLEW AND BEAT ON THAT HOUSE; AND IT DID NOT FALL, FOR IT WAS FOUNDED ON THE ROCK.

26) “BUT EVERYONE WHO HEARS THESE SAYINGS OF MINE, AND DOES NOT DO THEM, WILL BE LIKE A FOOLISH MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE SAND:

27) AND THE RAIN DESCENDED, THE FLOODS CAME, AND THE WINDS BLEW AND BEAT ON THAT HOUSE; AND IT FELL. AND GREAT WAS ITS FALL.”

- THE WORD FOR DOES IN VERSE 24 MEANS THE SAME AS TO HEAR, **WHICH MEANS TO EXECUTE, EXERCISE, TO PERFORM WITHOUT DELAY**
- WHEN THE TEXT SAYS HE WHO **“DOES THEM”** IS THE EMPHATIC POINT IN THE GREEK
- IN VERSE 25, THE EMPHASIS IS ON THE SAYING THAT COMES FROM JESUS, ALMOST AS IF NOT TO ACT ON---- WHAT JESUS IS SAYING IS RIDICULOUS
- IN VERSE 25 AND 27, THE INTERESTING THING IS THAT THE STORM ACTUALLY **“SPEAKS AGAINST”** (TO STRIKE AGAINST, BEAT UPON, CAUSE HARM TO) **THE HOUSE!**
- RESULT “FALL, WHICH IS A CRASH, DOWNFALL, A DESTRUCTION THAT IS GREAT/HUGE” (*MEGA*) IN VERSE 27

*****ROMANS 12:2 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD.

- THROUGH THE WORD AND HEARING GOD IS CHANGING OUR LIVES AND FIXING OUR FOUNDATION
- HE IS TRYING TO REARRANGE CERTAIN THINGS IN OUR HEADS THAT DETERMINE THE OUTCOMES OF OUR LIVES

THE THINGS THAT HE HAS TO WRECK TO SOME DEGREE:

- 1) THE GENETIC FACTOR
- 2) THE PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTOR
- 3) THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR

AND THE ONLY WAY YOU ESCAPE THESE FORCES IS BY DEATH

****LET'S TALK ABOUT GENETIC FACTOR****

- ALL OF OUR PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES (*THE COLOR OF OUR EYES, OUR HEIGHT, OUR WEIGHT, WAS GIVEN TO US BY OUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS*)
- PEOPLE IN YOUR BLOODLINE THAT HELP MAKE YOU WHO YOU ARE
- ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE, YOU HAVE THE ***INCLINATION OR THE MAKE UP*** TO CONTRACT CERTAIN DISEASES OR TO BE BOUND BY CERTAIN STRONGHOLDS THAT CAN BE PASSED DOWN
- YOUR LIFE IS ACTUALLY A CULMINATION OF APPROXIMATELY 400 YEARS OF FAMILY HISTORY

*****NUMBERS 14:18 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

THE LORD IS LONGSUFFERING AND ABUNDANT IN MERCY, FORGIVING INIQUITY AND TRANSGRESSION; BUT HE BY NO MEANS CLEARS *THE GUILTY*, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS ON THE CHILDREN TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH *GENERATION*.

- THE SINS OF THE FATHER IS PASSED TO THE NEXT GENERATION (***PLURAL***)

*****PLEASE NOTE, EVERY PROBLEM, EVERY SIN, EVERY STRONGHOLD THAT YOUR ANCESTOR STRUGGLED WITH HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO**

GENERATION AND OVER THE YEARS, YOU HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH THEM IN YOUR OWN LIFE

- IN OTHER WORDS, SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE TORMENTING YOU HAVE BECOME TEMPTATION
- AND THE WRONG DESIRES THAT ARE MANIFESTING HAVE COME FROM FOUR GENERATIONS OF SIN AND THEY ARE APART OF THIS ISSUE OF GENETIC FACTORS
- YOUR FOREFATHERS MAY HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME THE *SIN, HABIT OR DISEASE THAT TROUBLE THEM*

<<YET DEFEAT, DOES NOT HAVE TO BE YOUR STORY>>

- YOU HAVE A CHOICE TO MAKE AND YOU MUST CHOOSE TO BREAK THE POWER OF YESTERDAY IN YOUR LIFE
- YOU CAN GO FURTHER AND DO MORE THAN ANYONE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE YOU
- AND CHOOSING TO WALK IN THE WORD WILL DESTROY THE GIANT NAMES YESTERDAY

*** **TODAY IS THE TOMORROW YOU TALKED ABOUT YESTERDAY** ***

- YOU HAVE A NEW FATHER AND ACCORDING TO **TITUS 3:5**, THAT NEW FATHER REENGINEERED YOU

****TITUS 3:5 –NEW KING JAMES VERSION****

NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH WE HAVE DONE, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY HE SAVED US, THROUGH THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,

YOU ARE A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST
YOUR PAST HAS BEEN WIPED AWAY
BUT WE WILL NEVER GET THE BENEFIT OF THAT FACT UNTIL WE START ACTING LIKE A
NEW CREATURE
AND WE BREAK THE BACK OF OUR GENETIC FACTOR THROUGH THE POWER OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT...

II. CORINTHIANS 10:4 - NEW KING JAMES VERSION

FOR THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL BUT MIGHTY IN GOD FOR PULLING DOWN STRONGHOLDS

*****EPHESIANS 5:16 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

REDEEMING THE TIME, BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL.

- WE ARE IN A RACE AGAINST TIME
- WHATEVER WE THINK AND HOW WE ACT WILL PRODUCE A HARVEST
- IF IT DOESN'T HAPPEN IN OUR LIFE TIME, IT WILL SHOW UP IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN
- THAT MEANS THAT SOMEBODY HAS TO SAY QUICKLY ENOUGH THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH IN MY BLOODLINE

2) THE PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTOR

—————▶ ACCORDING TO **PROVERBS 23:7** YOU ARE WHAT YOU THINK

***LOOK AT THESE QUESTIONS TO DETERMINE YOUR OWN **PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTOR**

1) WHAT DO YOU ALLOW YOUR MIND TO MEDITATE ON?

2) WHAT DO YOU LET YOURSELF LISTEN TO?

3) WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT MOST INFLUENCE YOUR LIFE?

4) WHO IS THE PERSON WHO HAS MOST INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE?

- NOW SOME WILL SAY THAT PERSON THAT INFLUENCED THEM THE MOST IS THEIR **MOTHER OR GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER**
- BUT, I TAKE ISSUE, THE ONE WHO IS CONTROLLING YOUR MIND AT THIS MOMENT IS **THE ONE WHO HURT YOU OR BROUGHT DISAPPOINTMENT OR BROUGHT AN OFFENSE TOWARD YOU BECAUSE IN YOUR HEAD, THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE DWELLING ON...**

***THAT IS THE ISSUE YOU HAVE BEEN MEDITATING ON WHILE DOING WHAT YOU CAN TO TRY TO BELIEVE GOD

3) ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR

- THIS IS WHERE WE LIVE AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES AROUND US THROUGH OUT OUR LIVES
- THERE ARE SOME FOLK IN THIS SANCTUARY WHO HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN DOWNTOWN ATLANTA
- WE HAVE BEEN SHAPED BY A CONFINED ENVIRONMENT AND THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN OUR FUTURE....**WE MUST BREAK THE GLASS CEILING OF THE PAST**

- MANY OF US FORM THIS GLASS CEILING BY SAYING I HAD A VERY TOUGH CHILDHOOD OR BECAUSE OF MY RACE.....***OR I REALLY HAD ENOUGH MONEY.....OR IF I HAD BEEN BORN IN A DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOOD***

<<ALL OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE JUST WRONG>>

- ALL THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE JUST **WRONG, WRONG, WRONG AND THAT'S THE EXCUSE THAT CAN GO ON AND ON AND ON**
- AND BY SAYING IF THEY WERE ONLY RIGHT, EVERYTHING WOULD BE DIFFERENT FOR ME IS **FOOLING YOURSELF**

*****II CORINTHIANS 5:17 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE *IS* IN CHRIST, *HE IS* A NEW CREATION; OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS HAVE BECOME NEW.

YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IT!!!!