

The Sower's Hope

Mark 4:21-25

- 1) Will I ever understand?
- 2) Does my work really make a difference?
- 3) Will this kingdom ever come?

Verse 21- Literally "The Lamp comes in"-

I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life- John 8:12

For you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light- Ephesians 5:8

Perspicuity of Scripture=

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!- Romans 11:33-34

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD- Isaiah 55:8-9

Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path- Psalm 119:105

And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?- Acts 8:30-31

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Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, and said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them- Mark 1:43

Jesus charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead- Mark 9:9

Reason #1-

Reason #2-

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God- Romans 10:17

But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man- John 2:23-25

From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?-" John 6:60-69

Charles Spurgeon wrote about the gain by hearing;

- 1) no interest in the Word, find it uninteresting
- 2) desire to find fault, find plenty of fault
- 3) seek solid truth, learn from faithful ministries
- 4) hunger, find food
- 5) bring faith, find assurance
- 6) come joyfully, are made glad

Spurgeon says here's the promise;

- 1) more desire to hear
- 2) more understanding of what you hear
- 3) more convinced of the truth
- 4) more personal possession of the blessings
- 5) more delight in hearing
- 6) more practical benefit

If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen- 1 Peter 4:7-11

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