

Message Notes

How hearing is seen

Introduction - When knees "POP!"

Last week: Luke 8:1-15

The Parable of the Four Soils

Parable: To compare, placing side by side

Today's Message: Luke 8:16-21
When hearing is seen

Lighting a lamp so others see
Luke 8:16

What is hidden gets shown
Luke 8:17

Is this *bad* news?

How is this good news?

"So listen up!"
Luke 8:18

Factors impacting whether we receive more or receive less

Family reunion
Luke 8:19-20

Jesus' true family
Luke 8:21

Gospel Application -

How is your hearing? Or, ask a friend, what are you seeing?

How is our hearing, Hope Community?

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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Galatians 6:7-10

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Luke 18:31-34

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The Gospel of
LUKE

The King and His Kingdom
Luke 3:21 to Luke 9:50



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Parable:

To compare, placing side by side.

A comparison, a similitude.

II. What Are Parables?

“At its simplest, the parable is a metaphor or simile drawn from nature or common life, arresting the hearer by its vividness or strangeness, and leaving the mind in sufficient doubt about its precise application to tease it into active thought.”

~Kyle Snodgrass, Stories With Intent

Luke 8:4-15

When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Luke 8:4-15

9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant.

10 He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, “‘though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’”

Luke 8:4-15

11 “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. 14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.”

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15 “As for the seed in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

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21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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Bonhoeffer ran an underground seminary for theological students during the oppressive years of Nazi Germany. He was a very intelligent man who possessed immense critical capabilities. But in his homiletics classes as he listened to his students preaching, he always set aside his pencil and listened intently with his Bible open before him — no matter how poor the sermon was. He believed that the preaching of God's Word ought to be attended as if he were listening to the very voice of God. ~ R. Kent Hughes,

Luke: That You May Know the Truth, Preaching the Word, 292.

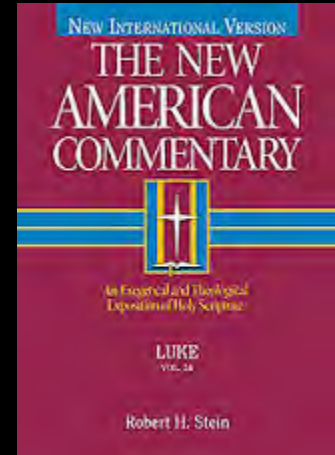


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The person who has listened carefully to God's word will understand it even more clearly, but the person who does not pay heed to how he or she hears God's word will lose even that which they think they know. Careful hearing, i.e., heeding, results in greater understanding of God's revealed word; careless hearing, i.e., a lack of heeding, results in the loss of what has been heard.

R.H. Stein,
Luke (Vol. 24, pp. 217–221),
Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers



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It is difficult to estimate aright the feelings of his own family towards him; admiration and love seem to have struggled in their hearts with pre-judice and jealousy — not in the case of Mary, but in the case of the so-called brothers. They seem ever to have been close to him during his public ministry, not among his “own,” but still near him, watching him, and listening to him with a half-wondering, half-grudging admiration. But John tells us (7:5) that they did not believe in him. It needed the Resurrection to convert them...

[Jesus] knew well what were the motives which induced them to come to him just then; the brothers were so distrustful that they had suffered themselves to be carried away by the Pharisees' evil surmises, that Jesus was possessed by a devil. The mother, influenced by her earthly fears for her Son, was induced to accompany the brothers, no doubt hoping to induce him to withdraw himself from the scene of excitement, at all events for a season.

Spence-Jones, H. D. M. (Ed.). (1909). St. Luke (Vol. 1, pp. 204–205). London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company.



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