

## LUKE 8 :16-18

THE QUESTION ON THE TABLE TODAY IS NOT “CAN YOU LOSE YOUR SALVATION?” ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED. THE QUESTION ON THE TABLE TODAY IS ARE YOU REALLY “BORN AGAIN” SAVED

JESUS IS TEACHING THROUGH CITIES AND VILLAGES PROCLAIMING AND BRINGING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THE TWELVE WERE WITH HIM ALONG WITH A FEW WOMEN, MARY MAGDALENE, JOANNA, SUSANNA, HEROD’S HOUSEHOLD MANAGER WAS WITH THEM, AND OTHERS.

WHEN A GREAT CROWD GATHERED:

JESUS HAS JUST GIVEN THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER, TALKING ABOUT THE “HEART CONDITION” OF MEN.

THE SEED THAT THE SOWER SOWS INTO THE GROUND REPRESENTS THE WORD OF GOD...THE GROUND REPRESENTS THE HUMAN HEART..

SOME SEED WAS TRAMPLED ON THE PATH(THEY HEARD, THEN THE DEVIL STOLE THE SEED SO THAT THEY MAY NOT BELIEVE AND BE SAVED), SOME FELL ON ROCKY GROUND(THEY RECEIVE THE WORD WITH JOY BUT HAVE NO ROOT SO WHEN TESTED, FALL AWAY), SOME WAS CHOKED OUT BY THORNS BECAUSE THE THORNS GREW UP WITH IT(THOSE WHO HEAR BUT AS THEY GO THEY ARE CHOKED OUT BY THE CARES, RICHES, AND PLEASURES OF LIFE...THEIR FRUIT DOES NOT MATURE.....FINALLY, SOME FELL ON GOOD SOIL AND GREW AND YIELDED A HUNDRED

FOLD(THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD HOLD FAST IN AN HONEST AND GOOD HEART AND BEAR FRUIT WITH PATIENCE.

WHERE IS YOUR HEART THIS MORNING?

HE WHO HAS EARS LET HIM HEAR!!

Luke 8:16-18

English Standard Version

<sup>16</sup>“No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>17</sup>For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light. <sup>18</sup>Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THIS TEXT IS OBVIOUS...WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD LIGHT A LAMP AND THEN COVER IT?

LET US FIRST LOOK AT THE TRUE LIGHT SO WE CAN FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT VERSES 16, 17, & 18 REALLY MEAN

John 1:1-9

English Standard Version

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. **4** In him was life,<sup>[a]</sup> and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

THIS IS KING JESUS...THE TRUE LIGHT

VERSE 9...THE TRUE LIGHT “WHICH GIVES LIGHT”....”PHOTIZO”.....MEANS “ENLIGHTENED OR ILLUMINATED”

**JESUS CHRIST, THE ONE TRUE GOD NOT JUST OUR SAVIOR BUT HE IS THE ILLUMINATOR OF THE FATHER’S HEART.**

Matthew 11:25-30

English Standard Version

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, JESUS CHRIST SHEPHERDS HIS PEOPLE BACK TO HIMSELF...JESUS IS THE WORD OF GOD IN HUMAN FLESH

**Luke 8:16**

English Standard Version

<sup>16</sup>“No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.

NOW THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION IS STARTING TO MEAN A LITTLE MORE THAN BEFORE AYE?

LETS LOOK AT THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF SALVATION

GREEK WORD FOR LIGHTING IS HAPTO...TO INTIMATELY TOUCH, TO PLACE HANDS ON, TO START A FIRE  
GREEK WORD FOR JAR IS SKEUOS...VESSEL, HUMAN BEING

GOD DID NOT SAVE YOU SO YOU COULD HIDE HIS GLORY SAFELY BEHIND THAT CLAY JAR OF YOURS  
NO ONE AFTER INTIMATELY LOVING SOMEONE HIDES THEM FROM THE WORLD

THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE CREATED YOU TO WORSHIP HIM AND TO LOVE HIM AND HIS CREATION....THROUGH THE GOOD TIMES AND THE BAD

REMEMBER, IT'S OUR OWN LUSTFUL PASSIONS THAT DRAW US AWAY FROM THE LIGHT...OUR FLESH DESIRES FILTH, LIES, AND DARKNESS...LIKE ADAM AND EVE, WE HIDE

THOSE WHO MAY ENTER....THOSE IN YOUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

ALL ARE WATCHING YOU AND HOW YOU DEAL WITH LIFE.  
DO YOU BEHAVE JUST LIKE THE WORLD WHEN THINGS GO  
SOUTH? DO YOU ILLUMINATE CHRIST?

YOUR SUPPOSED TO CLING TO JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE  
REVELATION OF HIS WORD AND THE POWER OF THE HOLY  
SIRIT

THEN ALL WILL SEE HOW A FOLLOWER OF JESUS WALKS IN  
A TRIAL OR A TRAGEDY..IN ABUNDANCE AND IN LACK WE  
ARE SUPPOSED TO ILLUMINATE CHRIST

**DO PEOPLE EVEN KNOW YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN?**

ARE YOU BORN AGAIN..A RE BIRTH?

**Luke 8:17**

English Standard Version

<sup>17</sup> For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.

THIS IS JESUS TALKING ABOUT THE LAST DAY

ON ONE HAND, ALL IS REVEALED...ALL UNDERSTANDING  
ABOUT THE TRUTH OF CHRIST

ON THE OTHER HAND, ALL IS REVEALED... EVERYTHING  
ABOUT US WILL BE REVEALED...EVERY SECRET, EVERY LIE,  
EVERYTHING

JESUS IS SAYING WALK IN THE LIGHT NOW, REPENT, TURN FROM YOUR SIN, AND TURN TO HIM

SHINE WHILE YOU GET SANCTIFIED...IT HELPS US

**Luke 8:18**

English Standard Version

<sup>18</sup> Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”

TAKE CARE..... HOW YOU HEAR

HOW DO YOU CARE FOR SOMETHING?

DO NOT BE DECIEVED, WHO DO YOU LET SPEAK INTO YOUR LIFE? ARE YOU MOURNING YOUR SIN?

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS KIDS AND IN TURN, HE WILL REJECT THOSE ON THE LAST DAY WHO REJECT HIM NOW

WE ARE RECEIVING SPIRITS...SOMEONE IS MINISTERING TO YOU

PROTECT YOUR HEARING AND PAY ATTENTION!  
YOU HAVE CONTROL WITH MOST OF YOUR “IN-TAKE”

Ephesians 5:5-11

English Standard Version

<sup>5</sup> For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

EXPOSE YOUR SIN, DEAL WITH IT THROUGH REPENTANCE,  
LIVE IN THE LIGHT, DRAW PEOPLE TO KING JESUS BY YOUR  
LOVE AND SERVICE

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO WALK WITH JESUS BY YOUR OWN  
STRENGTH....YOU MUST HAVE HELP

1 Corinthians 2:9-11

English Standard Version

<sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

BE FILLED WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST THROUGH THE  
REVELATION OF HIS WORD

KING JESUS IS TALKING ABOUT THE LAST DAY  
EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW AND EVERY TUNG SHALL  
CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

THERE WILL BE NO BARGINNING FOR GRACE  
THOSE WHO REJECT JESUS NOW WILL BE REJECTED BY THE  
FATHER

THE WARNING

Revelation 3:14-21

English Standard Version

<sup>14</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. <sup>15</sup>“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

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