

The Hundredfold Anointing

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Matthew 13:1-9 (NKJV)

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. [2] And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. [3] Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. [4] And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. [5] Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. [6] But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. [7] And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. [8] But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. [9] He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Matthew 13:18-23 (NKJV)

"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: [19] 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. [20] But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; [21] yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. [22] Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. [23] But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Matthew 13:24-30 (NKJV)

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; [25] but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. [26] But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. [27] So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

[28] He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' [29] But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. [30] Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

Matthew 13:36-43 (NKJV)

Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." [37] He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38] The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. [39] The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. [40] Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. [41] The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, [42] and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. [43] Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

I have just read to you two of the most familiar of the parables of Jesus. The first one is about different types of soil and the second one is about different kinds of seeds.

Jesus explained the meaning of the first one by saying that there are some who hear the word of God but do not understand it. There are others who hear the word but soon allow things like tribulation and persecution to cause them to stumble. There are still others who receive the Word but allow the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches to choke out the Word and they become unfruitful.

But, He said, "There are still others who hear the Word and understand it and receive it and it bears fruit in their lives. In some it produces thirty-fold. In others it produces sixty-fold and in others it produces one-hundredfold."

The second parable is about a man who sowed good seed in his field but while he slept someone came along and sowed weeds in the same field.

Jesus told the disciples that both the wheat and the tares would be allowed to grow together until the time to harvest the wheat and then the wheat would be gathered into the barn and the tares would be burned in the fire.

In those two parables Jesus has given us a description of the various types of people who come to church and are exposed to the Word of God as it is being preached.

- You have those who come, perhaps because someone put pressure on them to come, but they really didn't want to be here in the first place, and they give no heed whatsoever to the Word that is being preached.
- Then you have those who act like they have received the Word and even look like they have received the Word. They fool a lot of people but they are not wheat at all. They are tares.
- Then you have those who come for a while and really get involved but before long you don't see them anymore. They have allowed something to become more important to them than serving the Lord.
- And finally, you have those who really do hear the Word and receive the Word and understand the Word and it produces fruit in their lives; Some thirty-fold; some sixty-fold; some one-hundred-fold.

I don't know about you but it is my desire to be in that last group...the one-hundred-fold group.

Tonight, I want to talk to you about what it means to be in that one-hundred-fold group.

To reach that one-hundred-fold group you must first understand that it is possible for you to be in that group and that God wants you to be in that group. Reaching that level of fruitfulness and anointing requires a desire to be in that group and it requires commitment and growth and change.

The process of growth is described many times in the Bible as a three-step process. There are three levels of progression.

Mark 4:28 (NKJV)

For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

Notice the order of progression in that verse. First the blade, then the head, and then the full grain in the head.

- In the **parable of the sower**...it's thirty-fold; sixty-fold; one-hundred-fold.
- **In the Temple**....it's the outer-court; the inner-court; and then the Most Holy Place.
- **It the feasts**....It's the Feast of Passover; The Feast of Pentecost; and then the Feast of Tabernacles.
- The **Apostle Paul** talks about....The good will of God; then the acceptable will of God; and then the perfect will of God.
- When **Gideon** went to battle against the Midianites....There were 32,000 who volunteered; That number was reduced to 10,000; Finally, there were 300.

The 300 that were left in Gideon's army are the one-hundred-fold Christians that Jesus talked about in His parable.

Over and over you find this progression in the Bible.

- There is....(1) Justification (2) Sanctification (3) Glorification.
- There is...(1) The milk of the Word (2) The bread of the Word (3) The meat of the Word.
- In Israel there were.....(1) All the people who were known as God's chosen people (2) The priests who were deeply dedicated to doing the work of God (3) The High Priests who were even closer to God who had privileges and responsibilities that no one else had.

The number is always reduced as you proceed through the steps.

- There is a crowd in the outer court. (Gideon's 32,000)
- That number is greatly reduced when you reach the inner court (Gideon's 10,000)
- But there are relatively few who reach the Most Holy Place (Gideon's 300)

- There are a lot of thirty-fold Christians.
- There are a lot less who are sixty-fold Christians.
- There are relatively few who reach the one-hundred-fold level.

I am preaching this message to you tonight because I want to motivate you to reach that one-hundred-fold level. It is there that the anointing of God flows like a river.

We are believing for the Holy Spirit of God to flow in the house. In order for that to happen there must come forth in this house a group of folks who will not be satisfied in the outer-court or even in the inner-court. They will keep pressing in until they enter the Holy of Holies; that place of the one-hundred-fold anointing of God.

In the church of Laodicea there were those whom Jesus described as cold and others who were lukewarm and others who were hot.

Jesus wanted all of them to be in that third level of anointing. He said.....

Rev. 3:18 (NKJV)

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich;

Salvation is free. It's a free gift. But the one-hundred-fold anointing is not free. It's going to cost you something. But you can't buy it with your money.

The people whom Jesus was talking to in the Laodicean Church had plenty of money. They were rich in earthly things. But when it came to spiritual things they were wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.

To get the gold that Jesus talked about, that anointing of the Holy Spirit, you have to buy it. You buy it with your time. Time that you spend in the presence of God and in His Word.

David had three separate anointings during his lifetime.

(1) He was first anointed when he was a boy. It was a mighty anointing. With the power of that anointing God used him to kill a bear and a lion and a giant.

With that thirty-fold anointing he had a measure of the Spirit and a taste of what God's power was and what God could do through him. God had some great plans for David but he had to go through a growing process before he reached his destiny.

Being born-again is wonderful but there is so much more. There is a greater anointing that God wants each of us to experience.

David's first anointing was a time of training. He was training for reigning. He was schooling for ruling.

David looked for ways to serve the king and to develop his great potential in God. He was teachable and faithful. He had a beautiful spirit.

But before he could reach the second anointing he passed through a wilderness experience. Saul turned against him and made his life miserable for a while.

There is always a time of testing between the thirty-fold anointing and the sixty-fold anointing. Saul represents the way of the flesh and man made systems and programs.

David represents the new anointing and being led by the Spirit.

The flesh and the Spirit will never be friends.

Romans 8:6-8 (NKJV)

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. [7] Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. [8] So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

(1) David walked in the next level of anointing when he was anointed as King over Judah.

Judah means “praise”.

Before David was crowned King of Judah Saul died. The old ways of the flesh must die before you can go on to that second level of anointing. The old ways of thinking; the old dead works; the old wine-skins; the activities of the outer court; the natural ways of thinking and doing things must be changed by the refining fire of the Spirit before you can reach that sixty-fold anointing.

It is a Spiritual baptism of the Holy Spirit. Believers who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit love to praise God “in Spirit and in truth”. They love to dance before the Lord and have great liberty in worship. The sixty-fold anointing is wonderful but God has more for us.

The difference between sixty and one-hundred is forty. The number forty is symbolic of testing. The Israelites were tested in the wilderness for forty years; Jesus was tested for forty days, etc.

To get from the sixty-fold anointing to the one-hundred-fold anointing there will be more testing.

After Saul’s death David went through even more testing.

I hate to say it but as you grow in God the tests do not decrease. The battles grow even greater. But your ability to receive God’s grace increases. As the song says...”He giveth more grace as the battles grow greater”.

If you truly want a one-hundred-fold anointing, if you mean business with God, if you are willing to go all the way with Him, He will entrust you with His power and anointing and give you impossible victories!

David did not waiver. The Bible says....

2 Samuel 3:1 (NKJV)

Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

If you will consistently seek the Lord, even in the times of testing, even when the flesh is telling you to quit, God has promised you victory!

Don't be a quitter! Determine to reach for God's highest! Go for everything God says that you can have and be.

(3) Finally David was anointed the king over all of Israel. This was the third anointing. His "training for reigning" paid off. He reached the one-hundred-fold place in God. God had anointed David to be the King over all of Israel and he reached his destiny.

God has a destiny for each of us. He has anointed us to rule and reign with Christ. His plan for each of us is a hundred-fold anointing. He wants us to be spiritually hot, not lukewarm or cold. He wants to use each one of us in a unique way for His glory.

John Wesley said, "Give me just one-hundred men who love the lord with all their hearts and hate sin with all their hearts and we will see the Kingdom of God established in one generation."

Think about what would happen here at Elim if just those of us who are here tonight were truly sold-out to God and walking in that hundred-fold anointing.

We can have it if we are willing to pay the price.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2] looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Lord wants to use us in a greater way than we can even imagine.

It takes more than simply saying, "Lord, send a revival to Elim Church." It takes saying, "Lord, I want you to use me. I am willing to do whatever you want me to do."

Give Invitation!