

CHAPTER 3

AND he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.

3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

6 And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a

great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea,

8 And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and *from* beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

13. And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth *unto him* whom he would: and they came unto him.

14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that

he might send them forth to preach,

15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

16 And Simon he surnamed Peter;

17 And James the *son* of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:

18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,

19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his friends heard *of it*, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

22 ¶ And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

23 And he called them *unto him*, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 And if a kingdom be divided

against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

31 ¶ There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?

34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

CHAPTER 4

AND he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all *these* things are done in parables:

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

14 ¶ The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the

word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it*, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

21 ¶ And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?

22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured

to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

26 ¶ And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 ¶ And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 *It is* like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shad-

ow of it.

33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear *it*.

34 But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

35. And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat

into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 3:13-21 records the calling of the twelve. Chapter 3:35 gives the qualifications of becoming a brother or sister to Christ. "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother." What is the will of God? It is His will that all should come to repentance. Repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ is the basis of our salvation. Luke 13:3,5 says a man must repent lest he perish, and Ephesians 2:8 tells us, "For by grace are ye saved through faith." Repentance and faith are mandatory for salvation. If you have never repented of sin or, by faith, received the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour, then you are not ready for heaven!

In chapter 4:35 Jesus is crossing from Capernaum to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. In this chapter we also see the human side of the disciples. As they crossed the Sea of Galilee, they feared the great storm; but the power and majesty of our Master is seen as He is awakened from sleep and rebukes the winds by saying, "Peace, be still."

Even the storms obey Him! The storms in our lives today can be calmed in exactly the same way. Too many Christians try to solve their problems through worldly means or by their own scheming. Jesus is the only One who can calm the storms of the sea or the storms of life. It is Satan's desire that we try to direct our own paths. When this happens, the storms will certainly arise and darken the way.

In chapter 4 Jesus uses parables as He teaches by the seaside. The parable of the sower deals with the reception the world gives the Word of God. Such truth was presented in a parable, so that believers might be instructed without revealing the content of instruction to those who are spiritually blind and lack spiritual understanding (verses 11,12). The vivid contrast between mere profession and genuine possession of the Word may be clearly noted throughout this parable. The Gospel must not only be appropriated; it must shine forth in testimony and grow into fruitfulness if we are to have the Christian life God intends us to have.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat” (Proverbs 28:25).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 32: For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1644

THE BIRTHDAY OF WILLIAM PENN.

1890

BIRTHDAY OF GENERAL EISENHOWER.

1876

BIRTHDAY OF H.A. IRONSIDE.

H.A. Ironside was for many years the pastor of the famous Moody Memorial Church in Chicago. During his ministry the great church was packed and jammed time and time again as the crowds came to hear this great man of God. One of the most interesting things about his birth is that for forty minutes they thought he was dead. It was that long after his birth that they found that there was life in his little body. Aren’t we grateful that God spared him and that his ministry went around the world? His influence for the Gospel and for good certainly circled the globe.

When H.A. Ironside was a young boy, he heard

that the famous Dwight Moody was coming to town. He went to the services and crawled up on one of the rafters in the big tabernacle. Lying on a rafter high in the tabernacle, he heard Dwight Moody preach. As he heard him preach, he said, “Oh, wouldn’t I love to preach to great crowds like this.” Little did he realize that someday he would pastor the great Moody Church in Chicago.

One time on one of his trips. Dr. Ironside was in the city of Dallas, Texas, preaching in several black churches there, and he wrote a letter to Dr. John R. Rice. Put in his own writing he said, “Just paying my debt to my colored brethren.”

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1834

Harry Blair received a patent for his corn planting machine.

1964

Martin Luther King Jr. became the youngest man to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

1969

Race riot, Springfield, Massachusetts.

1971

Two killed in Memphis racial disturbances.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 103

AUTHOR: Daniel

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

When Nebuchadnezzar took the Jews into captivity, he took the very rich and middle class or craftsmen. However, he left the very poor in the land of Canaan. God gave to each of these three groups a prophet. Daniel was the prophet for the very rich who went into captivity, Ezekiel went into captivity to be the prophet for the craftsmen or middle class, and Jeremiah stayed with the very poor.

This Psalm was supposedly written either while the remnant of Jews was preparing to return to Palestine or as they returned. Now if Daniel was the author, it was probably written while they were still in the land making preparation to return. Regardless, this Psalm was no doubt written at the very end of the captivity for the remnant that returned to rebuild the temple. Because of this, there are some who believe that Ezra wrote the Psalm and some even attribute its authorship to Zerubbabel.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

This was a thanksgiving Psalm used at all thanksgiving seasons and even at thank offerings.

Notice the happiness here. Notice how the Psalmist is blessing the Lord and for what he is blessing the Lord. The first few verses are among the most popular verses of all the Psalms. They are quoted often in churches across the land and around the world. I can still hear the church of my childhood saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Then notice why the Psalmist blessed the Lord—because his sins were forgiven, because his diseases were healed, because his life was useful and redeemed from destruction, because of His lovingkindness and tender mercies, and because of His provisions of food, not only which is healthy but which is delightful to the taste. He then praises Him for strength. When times of great thanksgiving come, by all means the 103rd Psalm should be included.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

DIVINE INSPIRATION EVIDENT BY THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

(Assignment 32)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

Power to convict of sin.

() Acts 2:37

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Power to produce faith.

() Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Power to make wise.

() Psalms 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Power to produce joy.

() Jeremiah 15:16

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

Power to produce peace in the human heart.

() Psalms 85:8

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.