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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "PARABLES ON GROWTH"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "HOPE FOR ALL"

**THANKS TO EACH OF YOU WHO MADE VBS A GREAT SUCCESS! THANKS TO THE
DECORATORS, TEACHERS, SONG LEADERS AND THOSE WHO ATTENDED**

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES

VBS AT CROSSROADS JUNE 9-13

VBS AT BLACKWATER JUNE 16-20

BIRTHDAYS:

June 10: Linda McDonald

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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PARABLES ON GROWTH

(Matthew 13:31-33)

I. Both are _____ in the beginning.

A. A mustard seed, when planted, is very tiny, about the size of a _____.

- B. Only a small amount of leaven is _____ to make a loaf of bread.
- C. Compare this to the _____ of the Lord's church.
- D. The dream Daniel interpreted for Nebuchadnezzar contained a small _____ cut out of a mountain.

II. Both _____ out.

- A. Notice that eventually that mustard seed would grow into a tree with a number of _____.
- B. The small amount of leaven that is placed in with the flour works itself throughout the mixture _____ every part of the bread.
- C. Again, this is exactly how the church _____ in the first century.
- D. It spread to such a great _____ that Paul could say the gospel had been preached everywhere during his lifetime (Colossians 1:23).

III. Both require _____ to place them where needed.

- A. Notice that a man took that mustard seed and placed it in the _____.
- B. Also, a woman took the leaven and placed it in the _____.
- C. Looking at the growth of the kingdom, we see it took someone or a group of people to spread the _____ of the kingdom.

IV. Both grow _____.

- A. You don't _____ a tree growing do you?
- B. The leaven working in the meal is not _____ is it?
- C. The kingdom _____ the same way.
 1. Those men and women _____ their mouths of course.
 2. However, they did not draw _____ to themselves.
 3. They were not _____ in the way they did things.

V. Both are _____ where they are.

- A. A tree not only grows upward, it also grows downward, into the ground spreading _____ to secure it into the ground.
- B. The leaven works itself through the flour as it bakes, _____ itself to every part of the loaf of bread, causing it to be inseparable from that loaf.
- C. The kingdom _____ by the Lord is secure.

VI. Both provide _____.

- A. The parable of mustard seed tells us that the tree grew enough that birds could _____ there.
- B. The leaven allowed the _____ to be made that supported the family of the woman who placed it in the meal.
- C. The _____ provides support for those who are a part of it.

INSPIRATION

Jack McNiel

When the Book of Acts opens, in Chapter 1, we find the eleven remaining apostles waiting in Jerusalem until they would receive power from Holy Spirit. They were gathered together in an

upper room with about 120 of the disciples, including the mother and brethren of Jesus. In Acts 1:15-16, Peter said, “Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.” He then goes on in verse 20, “For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.” Here he quoted two passages from the Book of Psalms – Psalm 69:25 and Psalm 109:8. From Peter’s statement in Acts 1:16 we learn a very important lesson from the Bible on Inspiration.

Inspiration is the means by which God has communicated to man from the beginning until the time when “that which is perfect” has come (1 Cor. 13:10). That is, until the complete revealed Word of God has come. “Inspired of God” literally means “God-breathed.” God “breathed” the very words of the Scriptures. This is known as verbal, plenary inspiration – every single word of Scripture is Godbreathed. God still speaks to us today – yet only through His Inspired Word. Let us note three things from Peter’s statement in Acts 1:16: First, note the Ultimate Source of the Scriptures. “...which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake...” We see that God speaking through the Holy Spirit is the source of scripture. Just as Peter would later say, “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Peter 1:21). “All scripture is given by inspiration of God...” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Second, note the Medium Employed (Webster’s Dictionary, “The means or instrument by which any thing is accomplished, conveyed or carried on.”) “...which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake...” (David was not only king of Israel – he was a prophet of God, the inspired author of many Psalms.) God has employed, throughout the ages, medium to get His Message to mankind. “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets...” (Hebrews 1:1) This teaches us that God “spake in times past ...by the prophets...” That is, “in the prophets themselves as the vessels of divine inspiration. God spake in them and from them.” (Vincent’s Word Studies) Notice 2 Samuel 23:2 “The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue...” and Jeremiah 1:9 “Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth....”

Third, note the Final Result of the process of Inspiration – Scripture. “This scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake...” Scripture is the revealed Word of God in written form. The word “scripture” comes from the Greek word “graphein,” which means, “that which is written.” The Scriptures are the Words of God. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). May we all follow the example of the Noble Bereans who, “searched the scriptures daily...” (Acts 17:11) – and read God’s Word every day.